





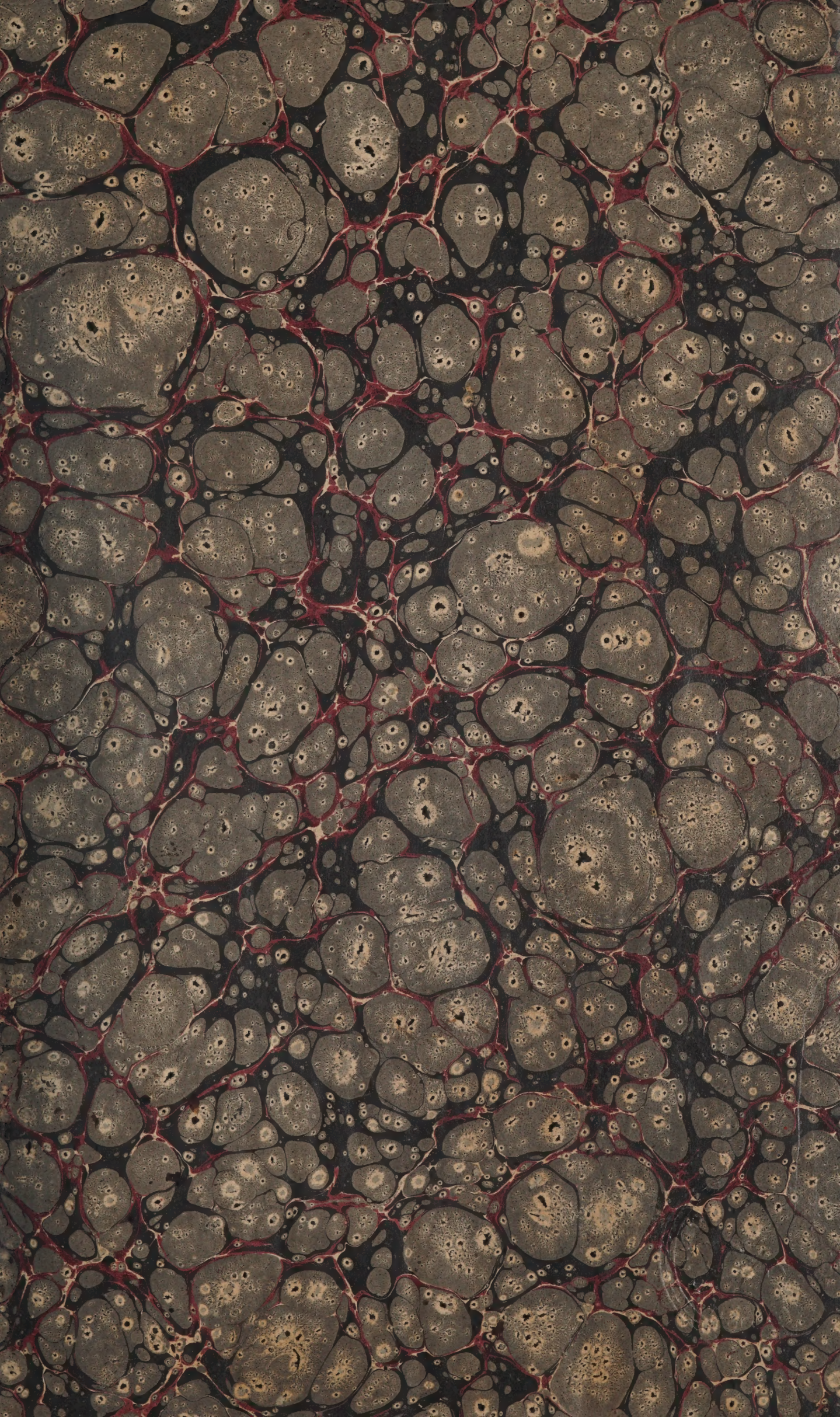
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1860  
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Ad  
Far Well Two friends  
And Home for a While  
William L Mercer  
Bound on a Whaling  
Voyage In Ship  
Navigator of Edgartown  
Marthas Vineyard Mass=  
October 23. 1858.  
Captained Fisher for  
Master

William L Mercer

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1858

No. 1

- Oct 23 Ship Navigator Edgertown  
Saturday Sailed with a light wind  
From the north weather clear  
Till night thick & hazy middle  
watch double reefed topsails  
Steering S. by E. So ends Wm L. Mercer
- Sun 24 This day comes in with strong  
Breezes from the north close  
Gale Reefed main topsail  
Gulf Laying too lat. 39° 18' - North  
Stream Steering S. by E. So ends Wm L. Mercer
- Mon 25 This day comes in with strong  
Breezes from the north  
Gale Kept a way at 8 A.M. with  
a closed reefed main topsail  
Gulf & foresail got out one cask  
Stream of water out of the after  
hold saw a ship steering East  
Lat 38° 37'. Steering East south east  
So ends Wm L. Mercer
- Tues 26 This day comes in with strong  
Breezes from the north at 12 A.M.  
saw a large b. topsail ship  
steering east weather hazy  
& thick double reefed topsails  
& courses steering east south east  
So ends Lat 38° 17'. North  
Wm L. Mercer
- Wed 27. This day comes in with  
strong Breezes from the  
north got one cask of water  
out of the fore hold rain  
squales to day double reefed  
fore & main topsails at day  
& foresail Saw a Bark  
steering south east  
All hands sea sick yet  
Lat 37° 09'. Steering east south east  
So ends Wm L. Mercer



No 28  
 Oct 28 1858 Ship Navigator Edgar town  
 Thuz 28. This day comes in with Strong  
 Breeres from the north Saw  
 one schooner steering south east  
 duple reefed topsails all day  
 & courses very squally at night  
 Lat 35° 14'. Stering East South East  
 So ends Wm L Mercer  
 Oct 29. Friday this day comes in with a  
 Strong Brees from the Nor East  
 Stering East South East by the  
 Wind all hands on deck to day  
 Fetting the Boats for whaling  
 Saw a. Brig stering east south east  
 Lat 34° 09.  
 Saturday So ends Wm L. Mercer  
 Oct 30 This day comes in with Strong Breeres  
 Wind vareing from Nor east to east  
 Ship stering by the Wind all day  
 Saw to Sails to day still fetting  
 our Boats put out the Bow boat  
 to day Over haling the run and  
 other lockers in the cabin. brok out  
 1 Barrel pork & 1 Barrel Beef Ship  
 heading from south east to east  
 South east duple reefed topsails  
 weather clear Lat 33° 00 north  
 So ends William L Mercer  
 Oct 31. Sunday This day comes in with Strong  
 Breeres from south east Ship under  
 duple reefed topsails and courses  
 Mate & third Mate had a faling  
 out to day Ship stering by the  
 Wind heading east Nor east. Green  
 hands is geting over there sea  
 Sicknes began to move round  
 With some life a gain one man  
 Sick in the forecastle not been on  
 duty yet. So ends lat 32° 27 north Wm L. M.



Nov. 1858. Ship Navigator Edgartown  
 Nov 1. <sup>W</sup> This day comes in with a light  
 Breeze from the South east  
 Ship heading east nor east  
 head winds I am making it sail  
 for my boat nothing in sight  
 fore wind in the latter part of  
 day and all sail out steering east  
 rain squalls at night  
 So ends. lat 33.06. Wm L Mercer

Nov 2. Tuesday This day fine weather and  
 clear working on my boat sail  
 got back out the fore and main  
 heath way to day got water out  
 of the letter putting chafing  
 gear on the rigging one man  
 let a tar Bucket fall from  
 aloft to day & mauling spike  
 wind from the westward steering  
 east & all sail out  
 So ends lat 33° 34. Wm L. Mercer

Nov 3 This day comes in with a light  
 Breeze from the westward steering  
 east by South weather clear  
 & fine got my boat sail done  
 and must to day lowered the  
 Boats to practice the green hands  
 forth met sick of duty the  
 Last week one man sick  
 forward. So ends lat 32° 53. Wm L. M.

Nov 4. Thursday This day comes in with  
 a fresh Breeze from the north  
 steering by the wind heading  
 East South East one sail  
 in sight to day squally during  
 last night weather clear to day  
 getting the rig on So ends Lat  
 Wm L. Mercer



No. 4

Nov. 5. 1858. Remarks onboard Ship Navigator  
Friday These 24 hours first part light  
Winds Midel Strong breees later part  
most A blam all hands & employed  
on Shipes duty weather clear -  
all day So ends late 32° 28. W. L. M.

Nov 6. Saturday these 24 light Brees all.  
Sail Stering east all hands  
& employed on Shipes duty Broke  
out water flour rice Beans  
one Barrel Beef at five this  
morning could not find the  
Cook at 12 found him Stowed  
away in the fore hold weather  
clear and fine to night  
So ends late 32° 13 N. Wm L. Mearns

Nov 7. Sunday These 24 hours Light Brees  
Stering East A Brige in sight  
This after noon Stering S.E. by East  
Weather clear nothing doing one  
man out of each watch in  
Gallay cooking the one we  
Shiped was no cook he  
stands in my watch now  
So ends Lat 32° 08. N. Wm L. M.

Nov 8 Monday These 24 hours first part  
Light Brees middle and latter  
Fresh Brees Stering East weather  
clear all hands employed on  
Shipes duty and so forth  
So ends Lat. 32° 40. Long. 43° 53. Wm L. Mearns

Nov 9. Tuesday These 24 hours fresh Brees mid  
night A few rain Squalls gaving  
forenoon watch below the hands  
Employed on Shipes duty



Nov. 9. 1858 Remarks on board Ship Navigator  
 Broke out for paint oil & halbut  
 fins and so forth Bent an  
 old main Topsail put the  
 new one in sail room the  
 Wind from the West fore 5 days  
 To day Steering E. by South  
 So Ends Lat 32° 49. North Wm L. M.

Nov. 10. Wednesday These 24 hours first Part  
 fresh Breez Middle Part Strong Breez. and  
 hazy Latter Part Pleasant and clear  
 Steering E. S. E. Winds from the Norwest  
 Given forenoon Watch be low the  
 hands Employed on Ships duty  
 Got one cask of water out the  
 main hold nothing in sight  
 So Ends Lat 32° 19. North Wm. L. Mercer

Nov. 11. Thursday These 24. hours first Part  
 & middle fresh Brees Latter Part  
 Strong Breeses from Nor west  
 Steering South East. Saw one  
 Schooner Steering S. S. west the  
 hands & employed on Ships duty  
 So Ends Lat 31° 59. North Wm. L. Mercer

Nov. 12. Friday These 24. hours first Part and  
 middle Strong Breez middle rain  
 Squals latter Part light Brees  
 This after noon lowered the Bouts  
 To practice the green hands the hands  
 & employed on Ships duty Wind  
 from sou west Steering South East.  
 So Ends. Lat 30° 42. North Wm L. Mercer

Nov. 13. Saturday



Nov. 1858. Remarks on board Ship Navigator

Nov 13. Saturday These 24 hours first & middle parts  
Light winds latter part Strong Brees  
Steering S. & by South saw 3. Sails to day  
The hands employed on ships duty  
Got out 2. barrels of meat rain -  
Squalls all These 24 hours  
So ends Lat  $29^{\circ}36'$  North Wm L. Mercey

Nov 14. Sunday These 24. hours Strong Winds  
and Squally with rain double reefed  
Top sails & foresail wind from the  
Nor West Steering S. S. E. nothing  
doing To day Tried my straw Bergees  
To day weather pritty clear now  
So ends Lat  $27^{\circ}39'$  North Wm L. Mercey

Nov. 15. Monday These 24 Hours first Part  
fresh Brees middle part light Winds  
Latter part fresh Brees from the  
North Steering S. by E. all sail  
out got one cask of water out  
the main hold forth mate on  
duty to gain the hands employed  
on ships duty  
So ends Lat  $25^{\circ}28'$  N. Long  $28^{\circ}38'$  W. W. L. M.

Nov 16. Tuesday These 24 hours first Part middle  
and latter light winds wind varying  
from west to Nor east Steering South by  
East all sail out weather Pleasant  
and clear Brock out all the  
Between decks after plank to cover the houn  
So ends Lat  $24^{\circ}13'$  North Wm L. Mercey

Nov 17. These 24 hours Light Winds from North  
Steering South mid night saw 3.  
sail The hands employed on ship duty  
Weather Pleasant. So ends Lat  $22^{\circ}58'$  N. W. L. M.



Nov. 1858 Remarks on board Ship Navigator,  
 Nov. 18 Thursday These 24 hours first & middle  
 Part light Winds with rain Squalls  
 latter Part fresh Breeze Bread Winds  
 all sail out steering South for Cape  
 deverd Islands Saw 3 Sails to day steering  
 To the Westward the hands employed  
 on Ships duty & so forth - - -  
 To Ends Lat  $21^{\circ}08'$  North Wm. L. Mercer

Nov. 19. Friday These 24 hours fresh Bread Winds  
 now east steering South Broke out the  
 run to day Weather Pleasant & clear  
 The hands employed on Ships duty  
 got out 2 barrels of meat  
 To Ends Lat  $18^{\circ}17'$  N. Long  $25^{\circ}28'$  W. Wm. L. Mercer

Nov. 20. Saturday These 24 hours Bread winds  
 Fresh B. run past Island of St Anthony  
 In middle watch this evening 10 miles  
 from Brevo weather clear the hands  
 employed on Ships duty saw a brig today  
 To Ends Lat  $15^{\circ}30'$  South. William L. Mercer

Nov. 21. Sunday These 24 hours fresh Bread winds they are  
 from the Eastward run past the Islands of Brevo  
 land fog last night weather clear & pleasant  
 To Ends. Lat  $13^{\circ}08'$  North steering E. by S. W. L. M.

Nov. 22. Monday these 24 hours fresh Bread winds  
 steering South by East at 9 o'clock this  
 fore noon saw a school of blackflowered all  
 The Boats but got none Got out one  
 Cask of water out the main hold  
 The hands employed on Ships duty  
 To Ends Lat  $10^{\circ}20'$  North Wm. L. Mercer

Black  
 Fish



No. 87

Nov. 1838. Remarks on Board Ship Navigator

Nov. 23. Tuesday These 24 hours first & middle part  
Light Winds & Pleasant Latter part  
Thunder Squalls with rain Saw one sail  
The hands Employed on Ships duty  
All hands on duty again. Course S. by E.  
So Ends Lat  $08^{\circ}52'$  North William L. Mercer

Nov 24. Wednesday These 24 hours Light winds all  
Through midnight Thunder Squalls one sail  
In sight The hands Employed on Ships  
duty Steering S. by E.  
So Ends Lat  $07^{\circ}43'$  North. William L. Mercer

Nov. 25. Thursday These 24 hours Light Winds  
and Variable Steering S. by E. Saw Black  
Black fish & lowered 3 Boats Got none bald  
Fish on board for Thunder Squall and  
heavy rain the hands Employed on <sup>duty</sup> Ships  
So Ends No. C. C. S. Saw 5 sails Wm. L. M.

Nov 26. Friday These 24 hours first & middle  
parts light Winds latter part calms  
With Thunder Squalls and rain Steering  
By the wind heading S.W. Saw 4 sails  
Bent for Stearil Main Spencer  
and I spanked the hands Employed  
on Ships duty Got out one barrel of Beef  
So Ends Lat  $05^{\circ}33'$  North William L. Mercer

Nov 27. Saturday These 24 hours. Calms & light  
Winds. heavy Squalls and plenty of rain.  
and Thunder. Got out one cask of water  
out the fore hold. the hands Employed on  
Ships duty. Steering S. S.W.  
So Ends Lat  $04^{\circ}55'$  North William L. Mercer

Lepus G. Mercer Maria. J. Mercer.



Nov 1858 Remarks on Board Ship Navigator

Nov 28 Sunday These 24 hours first part Calms & rain Squales middle part light winds and pleasant Latter part Calm & clear Bafflen winds heading by the wind S. west  
So Ends Lat.  $04^{\circ}10'$  North. by Wm L Mercer

Nov 29. Monday These 24 hours first part very light winds with heavy rain Squales middle part The same Latter part light winds and clear Saw two Sails The hands Employed on Ships duty heading by the wind S. west.  
So Ends Lat  $03^{\circ}19'$  North. by Wm L. Mercer

Nov. 30. Tuesday These 24 hours Light winds and Calms with heavy rain all Through Saw two Sails nothing doing steering South  
So Ends. No. C. C. S. - - by William L. Mercer

Decr 1. Wednesday These 24 hours Calms & light winds with heavy Squales & plenty of rain Bafflen winds heading S. S. west  
Got out 1 cask of Bread & 1 Barel of Flour  
The hands Employed on Ships duty saw 1 sail  
So Ends No C. C. S. - - by William L. Mercer

Decr. 2 Thursday These 24 hours fresh breeze winds from the South East steering S. W.  
Black Fish Lowered 3 Boats for Black fish. My Boat steerer missed one for me and mates the same Saw 1 sail  
The hands Employed on Ships duty  
So Ends Lat  $25^{\circ}$  N. by Wm. L. Mercer

Decr. 3. Friday These 24 hours Strong breeze winds from S. E. steering S. west Got out 2 barrels Beef & 1 of Pork to last 15. days.  
The hands Employed on Ships duty.  
So Ends Lat  $02^{\circ}23'$  South. by Wm. L. Mercer



Dec<sup>r</sup> 1858. Remarks on Board Ship Navigator  
 Dec<sup>r</sup> 4. Saturday These 24 hours Strong Trade Winds  
 Single reefed Topsails Steering S.W. by South  
 The hands Employed on Ships duty - -  
 So. Ends Lat.  $04^{\circ}24'$  South. by William L. Mercer.

Dec<sup>r</sup> 5. Sunday These 24. hours Strong winds  
 whole Topsails Steering S. S. East  
 Nothing doing to day  
 So Ends Lat  $06^{\circ}44'$  South by William L. Mercer

Dec<sup>r</sup> 6. Monday These 24 hours fresh Trade Winds  
 Steering S.W. Main Top galant sail out  
 The hands Employed on duty & so forth  
 So Ends Lat.  $09^{\circ}09'$  South by William L. Mercer

Dec<sup>r</sup> 7. Tuesday These 24 hours fresh Trade Winds  
 Steering S.W. all sail out one sail  
 Close by the hands Employed on Ships duty  
 So Ends Lat  $11^{\circ}26'$  South by William L. Mercer

Dec<sup>r</sup> 8. Wednesday These 24. hours fresh Trade winds  
 all sail out Steering S. S. West - - -  
 The hands Employed on Ships duty  
 So. Ends. Lat.  $14^{\circ}14'$  South by William L. Mercer

Dec<sup>r</sup> 9. Thursday These 24 hours light Winds from  
 The East Steering S.S.W. all sail out  
 Saw one sail the hands Employed on  
 Ships duty & so forth - - -  
 So Ends Lat  $15^{\circ}55'$  South by Wm L. M.

Dec<sup>r</sup> 10. Friday These 24 hours Light Winds & all sail  
 Steering S. S. W. Saw 3. Sails Weather Pleasant  
 The hands Employed on Ships duty  
 Taken a man from the fore-castle  
 and put him in as cook. A. Johns  
 So Ends Lat  $17^{\circ}49'$  S. by William L. Mercer



1858. Remarks on Board Ship Navigator  
 Dec<sup>r</sup> 11. Saturday These 24 hours Strong winds  
 from the N.E. Steering S.S.W. all sail  
 The hands Employed on Ships duty  
 To Ends Lat 20° 07. S. By William L. Mercer

Dec<sup>r</sup> 12. Sunday These 24. hours first Part light winds  
 from North Steering S.W. middle & latter  
 Part Strong Breezes wind bearing from n.  
 To N.W. double reefed Topsails weather  
 Thick & hazy Saw 4 sails Part close to hiege  
 To Ends No. C. B. S. -- By William L. Mercer

Dec<sup>r</sup> 13. Monday These 24 hours Strong winds  
 from S.E. Steering S.W. by S.  
 rain squalls got out water  
 The hands Employed on Ships duty  
 To Ends Lat 23° 15. S. by William L. Mercer

Dec<sup>r</sup> 14 Tuesday These 24 hours first part Strong winds  
 from S.E. double reefed Topsails middle  
 & latter part Light winds from N.E.  
 & all sail out A few rain squalls  
 The hands Employed on Ships duty  
 To Ends Lat 24° 53. S. By William L. Mercer

Dec<sup>r</sup> 15. Wednesday These 24 hours Light winds  
 from N.W. East with rain squalls  
 Steering S.W. by S. put out 2 new Boats  
 one for me & one for the Mate  
 The hands Employed on Ships duty  
 To Ends Lat 26° 27. S. By William L. Mercer

Dec<sup>r</sup> 16 Thursday These 24 hours first P. light winds  
 Steering S.W. by S. middle part &  
 latter wind from the South  
 blowing a fresh Gale the  
 Ship under Stann sails  
 To Ends. No. C. B. S. by Wm L. Mercer



1853. Remarks on Board Ship Navigator  
Decr 17. Friday These 24 hours first & middle strong  
winds from the N.E. laying under Storm  
Sails. latter part double reefed topsails  
and barsers steering S.W. by S weather clear  
The hands employed on ships duty  
So Ends Lat  $28^{\circ}16'$  S. By Wm L. Mercer

Decr 18. Saturday These 24 hours strong Breezes  
from Nor East main top galant sails out  
steering S. S. W. weather clear  
The hands employed on ships duty -  
So Ends Lat  $30^{\circ}07'$  S. By Wm L. Mercer

Decr 19. Sunday These 24 hours first & middle  
part light winds from Nor East  
steering S.W. by S. latter part strong Breezes  
River taken in all sail but foresail & double reefed  
plate main topsail lay two for the night  
We are on the River Plate sperm whale ground  
So Ends Lat  $32^{\circ}51'$  S. By William L. Mercer

Decr 20. Monday These 24 hours strong winds  
from Nor East heading N.W. West  
Saw. double reefed topsails all day  
Gramps taken in sail for the night  
Kuch & Wach now spend a barrel  
of Youngs & Saunders  
So Ends Lat  $32^{\circ}56'$  S. Long  $45^{\circ}10'$  W. By W. L. M.

Decr 21. Tuesday These 24. hours first part  
& middle light Winds latter  
strong Breezes from the South  
heading first one way & another.  
Crouching for sperm whales  
opened 2 Barrels of Beef & one pork  
The hands employed on ships duty  
So Ends Lat  $32^{\circ}26'$  S. long  $45^{\circ}40'$  W.  
By William L. Mercer



1858 Remarks on Board Ship Navigator  
 Dec<sup>r</sup> 22. Wednesday There 24 hours. fresh Winds  
 from the South all sail out to day  
 Cruising Taken in sail for the night  
 Watch Employed on ships duty & so forth  
 So Ends Lat 32° 17. S. By William L. Mercer

Dec<sup>r</sup> 23. Thursday There 24. hours. first part light  
 Winds from the South middle  
 & latter part fresh Breezes heading  
 first one way & another piled  
 the water. Butt Mrs fisher on  
 deck for the first time  
 So Ends Lat 33° 02. S. By Wm L. Mercer

Dec<sup>r</sup> 24 Friday There 24 hours. first & light Winds  
 latter & middle parts Strong Breezes from S.  
 Got out flour & cod fish Taken in sail  
 for the night double reefed topsails all day  
 So Ends Lat 33° 37. S. By William L. Mercer

Dec<sup>r</sup> 25. Saturday There 24. hours. first part Strong  
 Winds from the North Middle & latter  
 parts moderate Gale from S.W. double reefed  
 School. Main Topsail & fore sail heading N. S.W.  
 Groups Christmas evening 1858 - - - - -  
 So. Ends Lat 32° 41. S. By Wm L. Mercer

Dec<sup>r</sup> 26 Sunday There 24. hours. Strong winds from North  
 double reefed Topsails & foresail all day  
 heading to the Eastward Nothing doing to day  
 Taken in sail for the night & so forth  
 So. Ends Lat 31° 32. S. By Wm L. Mercer

Dec<sup>r</sup> 27. Monday There 24 hours. Light winds from  
 the South heading to the Westward  
 Took a Lunar C. S. B. difert 16. miles  
 from the barometer weather fine all day  
 So Ends Lat 31° 29. S. Long 45° 26. west By W. L. M.



1858. Remarks on Board ship Navigator  
 Dec<sup>r</sup> 28 Tuesday These 24 hours. Light winds  
 from N.E. heading N.W. Saw four  
 sails signallize one french ship  
 Took A Lunar C.C. S. it difert 10 miles  
 from barometer opened one cask  
 of Bread Taken in sail for the night  
 To Ends Lat 32° 08' S. Long 45° 26' W. By W. L. M.

Dec<sup>r</sup> 29 Wednesday These 24 hours. first Part  
 Light winds from N.E. middle & latter  
 Part Strong Breezes heading to westward  
 Mrs Fisher been on deck to day  
 and Yesterday a little while  
 Taken in sail for the night  
 To Ends Lat 32° 20' S. By William L. Mercer

Dec<sup>r</sup> 30 Thursday These 24 hours Strong winds  
 from N.E. Saw 1 sail to day  
 Ship under double reefed top sails  
 all day watch employed on ships duty  
 Taken in sail for the night  
 To Ends Lat 31° 53' S. By Wm L. Mercer

Dec<sup>r</sup> 31 Friday These 24 hours Strong Breezes  
 from N.E. double reefed top sails  
 and courses all day Saw A large  
 Merchant ship steering S. S. W.  
 The watch employed on ships duty  
 Weather quite thick to night  
 Taken in sail for the night  
 To Ends Lat 32° 07' S. By Wm. L. M.

To Ends: The year  
 Of our Lord Maryret Nicholson  
 Mary Mercer 1858.  
 William L. Mercer  
 Mrs John Mercer Lodi Sepie W. Mercer  
 Bergen Co. N. Jersey.



1859. Remarks on Board Ship Sargator  
 Jan. 1. Saturday These 24 hours. Strong winds from N.E.  
 double reefed Topsails & courses heading to Easter  
 The watch Employed on Ships duty & so forth  
 To Ends Lat  $32^{\circ}21'$  S. By William L. Mercer

Jan. 2. Sunday These 24 hours. first & middle parts  
 Strong winds from N.E. latter part light  
 winds heading Nor west Taken in sail for <sup>this</sup> night  
 To Ends Lat  $32^{\circ}25'$  S. By Wm L Mercer

Jan. 3. Monday These 24 hours light Winds from N.E.  
 all sail out heading to Easter the watch  
 Employed on Ships duty & so forth  
 Taken in sail for the night got out water  
 To Ends Lat  $32^{\circ}33'$  S. By Wm L. Mercer

Jan. 4 Tuesday These 24 hours light Winds from  
 N.E. at 4 o'clock P.M. raised a  
 School of Sperm whals 4 miles  
 Sperm to windward lowered all 4 Boats  
 Whals But did not see them again  
 Taken in sail for the night  
 To Ends Lat.  $32^{\circ}25'$  S. By Wm L Mercer

Jan. 5 These 24 hours light winds from S.E.  
 all sail out at five this morning saw  
 A School of Sperm whales lowered all  
 Sperm Boats at 7. got now come on Board at 2.  
 whals saw them again at 2. lowered 3 Boats  
 at 3 o'clock I struck one & Brought him  
 To the Ship Being the first we have got  
 A 50. Barrel Whale Taken in sail for night  
 To Ends Lat  $32^{\circ}55'$  S. Long  $48^{\circ}18'$  W. By W. L. M.

Marin Fulton. Mercer.  
 Marin Fulton Mercer  
 Josi Byron Mercer



1859.

## Remarks on Board Ship Navigator

July 6. Thursday These 24 hours light wind from N.E.  
 cut in the whale to day and decks  
 cleared up. Taken in sail for the night  
 To Ends Lat  $33^{\circ}04'$  Long  $48^{\circ}00'$  W By W. L. Mercer

July 7 Friday These 24 hours light winds from N.  
 We are Besay Boiling fine weather  
 Saw one sail Taken in sail for the night  
 To Ends Lat  $32^{\circ}13'$  S. Long  $48^{\circ}10'$  W. By W. L. M.

July 8. Saturday These 24 hours light winds from N.E.  
 finished Boiling the whale. I went  
 on Board of A french Brige  
 She was Bound to Montevideo  
 Taken in sail for the night  
 To Ends Lat  $33^{\circ}25'$  S. Long  $48^{\circ}50'$  W. By W. L. M.

July 9. Sunday These 24 hours first part  
 Light winds from N.E. middle  
 and latter parts Strong Breezes  
 got out water yesterday and  
 2 Barrels Beef & one of Pork  
 Taken in sail for the night  
 To Ends Lat  $33^{\circ}04'$  S. By W. L. M.

July 10 Monday These 24 hours Strong winds  
 from westward heading East at  
 four P. M. had a heavy Squall  
 Bursted Main Top galant sail  
 and Main Top sail so we Bent  
 Another & close reefed it  
 Took in every thing Else  
 The hands & employed on ships duty  
 and so forth. - - -  
 To Ends Lat  $33^{\circ}00'$  S. By W. L. M.

Wm. L. Mercer N. Y.



1859. Remarks on Board Ship Navigation  
 Jan'y 11. Tuesday These 24 hours a gale from  
 S.W. Close reefed main topsails moderated  
 down to night W<sup>r</sup> Murray Below Deck today  
 Saw 2 Sails and 20 fath -  
 So Ends Lat 32° 33. S. By Wm L. Mercer,

Jan'y 12. Wednesday These 24 hours light winds.  
 and barebills Stowed down the oil today  
 Saw one Sail. Taken in Sail for the night  
 So Ends Lat 32° 18. S. By William L. Mercer

Jan'y 13. Thursday These 24 hours first part light  
 winds from N. Middle & latter part  
 strong breezes Saw 3 Sails the watch  
 Menden Sails & 20 fath -  
 So Ends Lat 31° 59. S. By William L. Mercer

Jan'y 14 Friday These 24 hours first & middle  
 part strong winds latter part gale  
 Sperm at 6 in morning raised Sperm whales  
 whales lowered 3 Boats I struck one and lost  
 him I got Taken over Board by  
 the line. Laying too under storm Sails  
 So Ends Lat 32° 25. S. Long. none By W. L. M.

Jan'y 15 Saturday These 24 hours strong winds from N.E.  
 with rain squalls Saw 4 Sails to day  
 To get out water & 20 fath -  
 Taken in Sail for the night -  
 So Ends Lat 32° 29. S. By Wm L. Mercer

Jan'y 16. Sunday These 24 hours strong winds  
 from S.W. with rain squalls  
 Saw 8 Sails to day & 20 fath  
 Taken in Sail for the night  
 So Ends Lat 32° 32. S. By W. L. Mercer



No 18

1859. Remarks on Board Ship Navigator

July 17. Monday These 24 hours. Strong Breezes from S.W. with heavy rain Squalls - - -  
Saw one sail to day the watch  
Employed on Ships duty taken in sail  
To Ends Lat 32°00 S. By William L. Mercer -

July 18. Tuesday These 24 hours Light winds from N.W. with rain Squalls Saw one sail  
Caught one Large Turtle 160 lbs weight  
The watch Employed on Ships duty - -  
Taken in sail for the night - - -  
To Ends Lat 32°15 S By William L. Mercer

July 19. Wednesday These 24 hours. Strong Breezes from S.W. Saw one sail to day  
lost a School of Killers Bent a  
Storm Mizzen the watch Employed.  
on Ships duty Taken in sail for the night  
To Ends Lat 32°55. S By Wm. L. Mercer

July 20. Thursday These 24 hours. Light winds from S.W. all sail out and so forth  
The watch Employed on Ships duty  
Taken in sail for the night - - -  
To Ends Lat 32°20. S By Wm L. M.

July 21. Friday These 24 hours. fresh Breezes from S. S. E. Bent the old main topsail  
Put the new one in main Room  
Taken in sail for the night  
To Ends Lat 32°17. S By Wm L. M.

July 22 Saturday These 24 hours Light winds from E S E. all sail out with  
pleasant weather Saw a School  
of Grampses the watch Employed  
on Ships duty got out water  
To Ends Lat 31°52. S. By Wm L. M.



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- July 23 Sunday These 24 hours first part Light winds from S.E. middle & latter parts at gale from N.E. with much rain saw two Sails So Ends No. C.B. S. - By Wm L. Mercer.
- July 24 Monday These 24 hours. Gale from S.E. with heavy rain Squalls yet out 2 Barel's Beef 1 of Pork saw two Sails So Ends No. C.B. S. By Wm L. Mercer
- July 25 Tuesday These 24 hours first Part Gale broke middle & latter parts light winds from S. at sun set saw 2 Sperm whales Sperm whales Saw 2 Sails the watch employed on ships duty Taken in sail for the night So Ends Lat 33° 00 S. By Wm L. Mercer
- July 26. Wednesday These 24 hours first Part light winds from N.E. middle & latter parts calm Saw one sail the watch employed on ships duty Taken in sail for the night - So Ends Lat 32° 27 S. Long 48° 30 West By W. L. M.
- July 27. Thursday These 24 hours first Part Light winds from N. middle Strong Breezes from S. did not respect 2 of sails Saw 14 Sails to day Taken in sail for night & so forth So Ends No C.B. S. By William L. Mercer
- July 28. Friday These 24 hours Light winds from East all sail out Saw 2 Sails the watch employed mending sails & so forth Taken in sail for the night So Ends Lat 32° 37 S. By Wm L. Mercer

Ship Navigator's Log-Entry on

Barth's Vineyard Mass.



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1859. Ship Navigator Edgertown

Jan. 29. Saturday These 24 hours first Part light winds from SE middle & latter heavy Gale and plenty rain saw one Sail & so forth  
To Ends No O.B. S. By Wm L. M.

Jan. 30. Sunday These 24 hours first Part Gale broke middle & latter light from SE all Sail taken in Sail for the night -  
To Ends Lat 32°13 S. By Wm L. M. -

Jan. 31. Monday These 24 hours strong winds from S.W. double reefed & sails got out flour taken in Sail for the night  
To Ends Lat 32°40. S. By Wm L. M.  
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Feb. 1. Tuesday These 24 hours Light winds all round the compass with rain Squally. Saw two Sails all hands forward on deck for punishment & so forth  
Taken in Sail for the night  
To Ends Lat 32°20. S. By Wm L. M.

Feb. 2. Wednesday These 24 hours fresh winds from S. & S.W. all Sail out got water but saw one sail the hands employed on ships duty & so forth  
Taken in Sail for the night  
To Ends Lat 32°18. S. By Wm L. M.

Feb. 3. Thursday These 24 hours. fresh winds from Eastward at 3 P.M. saw Sperm whals covered 3 Boats mate and I. Sperm Struck got one of them I drew on from the one I was fast too & lost him  
Saw 2 Sails to day & so forth  
Taken in sail  
To Ends Lat 32°43. S. By Wm L. M.



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Remarks on Board Ship Navigator  
Friday There 24 hours first & middle Parts  
Strong Breezes from N.W. Latter Part Gale  
and rain but in the whole & so forth  
Storm sails to night & so on - - -  
So finds Lat 32° 30' S. By Wm L. M.

Feb 5.  
Gale

Saturday There 24. hours Gale from N. East  
heavy rains Ship laying two under Storm sails  
heading East and so forth - - -  
So finds No C. B. S. Wm L. Mercer

Feb 6.  
Gale

Sunday There 24 hours heavy Gale and rain Storm  
from Eastward laying two under Storm sails  
Saw one sail to day & so forth - - -  
So finds Lat No C B S. By Wm L. M.

Feb. 7.

Monday There 24. hours first Part Gale on  
middle & latter light winds all round  
The compass boiling all these 24 hours  
Capt Dexter of Bark Union Mott. was  
on Board to day 15 months from home  
with 83. bls sperm oil and so forth -  
So finds Lat 35° 05' S. By Wm L. Mercer

Feb. 8.

Tuesday There 24 hours light winds from West  
Thering N. N. E. all sail finished Boiling to day  
Bark Union in sight & so forth - - -  
Whale Made 35 Bls. - - -  
So finds Lat 35° 04' S. By Wm L. M.

Feb. 9.

Wednesday There 24 hours Light from West  
Thering N. N. East all sail saw two sails  
the watch employed on ships duty  
Saw in sail for the night & so forth -  
So finds Lat 34° 38' S By W. L. M.

Wm L. Mercer



1859. Remarks on Board Ship Navigator.

Feb 10 Thursday These 24 hours. first part light winds  
middle & latter parts Strong winds from the  
South steering North saw four sails to day  
The watch employed on ships duty  
To find Lat  $34^{\circ}00'$  S. By Wm. L. Mercer.

Feb. 11. Friday These 24 hours light winds from S.E.  
steering N. & all sail out saw one sail  
threw down 33 Bbls of Sperm oil & so forth  
Taken in sail for the night  
To find Lat  $32^{\circ}33'$  S. By Wm L. Mercer

Feb. 12 Saturday These 24 hours light winds  
from the westward & all sail out  
saw two sails the watch employed  
on ships duty Taken in sail for the night  
To find Lat  $32^{\circ}02'$  S. long  $48^{\circ}35'$  West By W. L. M.

Feb. 13. Sunday These 24 hours. first & middle parts  
Light winds from S. & all sail latter part  
Strong Breezes I went on Board of a French  
Ship this morning 35 days from home.  
Round two times Taken in sail for the night  
To find Lat  $32^{\circ}18'$  S. Long  $48^{\circ}00'$  W. By Wm L. M.

Feb. 14 Monday These 24 hours strong winds  
from S.E. double reefed Topsails —  
Taken in sail for the night  
To find Lat  $32^{\circ}38'$  S. By Wm L. M.

Feb. 15 Tuesday These 24 hours first part light  
winds from S.W. middle & latter the Breezes  
double reefed Topsails saw one sail  
Taken in sail for the night —  
The watch employed on ships duty  
To find Lat  $32^{\circ}28'$  S. By Wm L. M.

Leprie G. Mercer Sails Bergen Co.  
N. J.



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Feb 16. Remarks on Board Ship Navigator  
Wednesday There 24 hours. light winds  
from S.W. all sail saw one sail & so forth  
The watch employed on ships duty  
Taken in sail for the night -  
So finds Lat  $32^{\circ}49'$  S. long  $48^{\circ}40'$  By Wm L. M.
- Feb 17. Thursday There 24. hours. light winds from Eastward  
weather clear & fine saw two sails to day -  
The watch employed on ships duty & so forth  
So finds Lat  $32^{\circ}45'$  S. By Wm. L. M.
- Feb. 18. Friday There 24. hours. light winds from N.E.  
all sail out saw four sails & went  
on Board of A English Brig and got  
3 chickens & 3 ducks. he was short of meat  
gave him one Barrel of Pork  
The watch employed on ships duty  
So finds Lat  $32^{\circ}57'$  S. long  $48^{\circ}00'$  W. By W. L. M.
- Feb. 19. Saturday There 24 hours light winds from N.E.  
all sail out saw 14 sails to day got water out  
& flour. the last 14 days eat 4 Bls of flour  
The watch employed on ships duty & so forth  
So finds Lat  $32^{\circ}09'$  S. long  $47^{\circ}25'$  west By Wm. L. M.
- Feb. 20 Sunday There 24 hours Light winds from N.E.  
all sail out Taken in sail for the night  
So finds Lat  $32^{\circ}41'$  S. By Wm. L. M.
- Feb. 21. Monday There 24. hours. Light winds & calms  
all sail out heading N. The watch  
employed on ships duty & so forth  
I went on Board of A Brig Robert Bruce  
from Bristol with A cargo of salt  
Bound To Monte Video. on the river Plate  
Taken in sail for the night. - - -  
So finds lat  $32^{\circ}35'$  S. long  $48^{\circ}15'$  W. By W. L. M.  
Lepie. G. Mercer & Maria. L. Mercer



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Feb. 22

Tuesday These 24 hours first & Middle Parts  
light winds from the N. latter Part  
strong Breezes double reefed Topsails  
Taken in Sail for the night & so farth  
So finds Lat 32° 06. S. By Wm L. M.

Feb. 23.

Wednesday These 24<sup>hours</sup> first Part heavy thunder  
and rain Middle Part & latter light winds  
Saw one Lail Watch employed on ships duty  
So finds Lat 32° 15. S. By Wm L. M.

Feb. 24.

Thursday These 24 hours strong Breezes from S.E.  
Topsails & courses out Saw 3 Sails to day  
The watch employed on ships duty  
Taken in Sail for the night & so farth  
So finds Lat 32° 24. S. By Wm L. M.

Feb 25.

Friday These 24 hours light winds from N.E.  
all Sail out got 2 Boats to one of which out  
The watch employed on ships duty  
Taken in Sail for the night and so farth  
So finds Lat 32° 31. S. By W. L. M.

Feb. 26

Saturday These 24 hours strong winds  
from N. Saw one  
The watch employed on ships duty -  
Taken in Sail for the night  
So finds Lat 32° 30. S. By W. L. M.

Feb 27.

Sunday These 24 hours fresh winds from N.W.  
at 8 P.M. Saw sperm whals saw and  
4 Boats & got 2 of them got Both  
Sperm Two my Boat we but them in to day  
Whals. A few ruin squels saw one sail  
So finds Lat 31° 30. S. Long 45° 10 W. By W. L. M.



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- Feb. 28. Monday These 24 hours Light winds Saw Sperm-  
Whale Landed all Boats I. Struck one & for the mate  
Sperm & mate got 3 but them in the same day -  
Whale. So finds Lat  $31^{\circ}10'$  S. By Willm L. Mercier
- March 1. Tuesday These 24 hours strong winds Saw 2 sails  
started Boiling and so forth -  
So finds Lat  $30^{\circ}40'$  S. By Wm L. M.
- March 2 Wednesday These 24 hours Gale from S.W.  
Still Boiling Saw one sail & so forth  
Gale got out water from the fore hold -  
So finds Lat  $30^{\circ}54'$  S. By Wm L. M.
- March 3 Thursday These 24 hours fresh winds from W.  
Breezy Boiling get Cooper got hurt with back  
So finds Lat  $30^{\circ}40'$  S. By Wm L. M.
- March 4 Friday These 24 hours fresh winds from S.W.  
Stowing down Sperm oil 89 Barrels  
Saw 2 sails. Taken in sail for the night  
So finds Lat.  $31^{\circ}17'$  S. By Wm. L. M.
- March 5 Saturday These 24 hours fresh Breezes from S.E.  
at 3 o'clock P.M. Saw 1 Sperm Whales  
Sperm Landed all Boats I. Struck one & Brought  
Whale him to the ship just at sun down  
So finds Lat  $31^{\circ}31'$  S. Long  $45^{\circ}15'$  W. By Wm. L. M.
- March 6 Sunday These 24 hours fresh winds from N.E.  
but in the whale & started Boiling  
got out one keg of Butter & so forth  
So finds Lat  $31^{\circ}21'$  S. By William L. M.
- March 7 Monday These 24 hours light winds from N.E.  
Still Boiling Saw 3 sails Capt. Childs Bark at mouth  
was on Board today 5 months from home <sup>May 4.</sup> 120 Bls Sperm oil  
So finds Lat.  $31^{\circ}48'$  S. By Wm L. Mercier



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1859. Remarks on Board Ship Navigator  
March 8 Tuesday These 24 hours Light Winds from E.  
all sail out saw one sail finished Boiling  
to day and so forth  
So finds Lat 31° 39. S. By Wm. L. M.

March 9. Wednesday These 24 hours fresh winds  
from E. all sail saw 3 sails & so forth  
got out flour the watch employed  
on ships duty taken in sail for the night  
So finds Lat 31° 49. S. By Wm. L. M.

March 10 Thursday These 24 hours Light Winds from E.  
showed down 45 Barrels of Sperm oil  
X got out water saw one sail  
Sperm at four P.M. saw Sperm Whales toward  
Whals all Boats Third Mate Boat Sterner  
miss A Large Whal.  
So finds Lat 32° 02 S. By Wm. L. M.

March 11 Friday These 24 hours light winds from E.  
all hands washing clothes  
saw one sail & so forth  
So finds Lat. 31° 44. S. By Wm. L. M.

March 12 Saturday These 24 hours light winds from E.  
all sail out saw one sail & so forth  
got out 2 Bbs Beef one Pork — —  
So finds Lat 31° 37. S. By Wm L. M.

March 13 Sunday These 24 hours light Breezes from E.  
all sail out spent our Board  
up at fresh Ship. & 10. hit to day  
So finds Lat 32° 01. S Long 46° 4 W By Wm L. M.

March 14 Monday These 24 hours strong winds from E.  
Sperm at 7 P.M. saw Sperm Whales toward 3 Boats  
Whals. Third Mate got one & cut him in  
So finds Lat 32° 00 S. Long 45° 40. W By Wm L. M.



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- Mar 15 Tuesday There 24 hours Strong winds from E. with rain. Squalls started Boiling to day  
To find Lat  $32^{\circ}15'$  S. By Wm. L. M.
- Mar 16 Wednesday There 24. hours Light winds from S. Saw one Sail. Still Boiling & so forth -  
To find Lat  $31^{\circ}45'$  S. By Wm. L. M. -
- Mar 17 Thursday There 24 hours Light winds from N.E. Finished Boiling Saw 3 Sails got out one cake of Bread & so forth weather fine  
To find Lat  $31^{\circ}32'$  S. By Wm. L. M.
- Mar 18 Friday There 24 hours Strong winds from E. Stained down 5.30 P.M. Saw 2 Sails  
Mate Taken in Lull for the night:  
of duty To find Lat  $31^{\circ}26'$  S. By Wm. L. M.  
Sick
- Mar 19 Saturday There 24 hours Strong winds from E. Saw two Sails. Watch employed on Ship's duty got out water & so forth. -  
To find Lat  $32^{\circ}05'$  S. By Wm. L. M. -
- Mar 20 Sunday There 24. hours Gale from E. S.E. Lay too under Storm sails  
Saw two Sails & so forth -  
To find Lat  $31^{\circ}26'$  S. By Wm. L. M.
- Mar 21 Monday There 24 hours Light Gale from E. Ship under Storm sails & so forth.  
To find Lat  $31^{\circ}24'$  S. By Wm. L. M.
- Mar 22 Tuesday There 24 hours Strong winds from E. double reefed Topsails Tiller Port  
Watch employed on Ship's duty & so forth  
To find Lat  $31^{\circ}56'$  S. By Wm. L. M.

Levie G. Mercer, Maria Fulton, Mercer



1853. Remarks on Board Ship Navigator  
Mar 23 Wednesday There 24. hours. Strong winds from E.  
double reefed Topsails all day The watch  
employed on Ships duty & so forth - -  
To find Lat  $31^{\circ}39'$  S. By Wm. L. Mercer.

Mar 24 Thursday There 24. hours. Light winds from E.  
all sail out. got out flour The watch  
employed on Ships duty first made up  
duty sick the last week. Saw two sails  
To find Lat  $31^{\circ}59'$  S. By Wm. L. Mercer.

Mar 25 Friday There 24. hours. Strong winds from E.  
Topsails & booms out Saw one sail  
got out 2 Bbls Beef & one of Pork.  
Taken in sail for the night & so forth  
To find Lat  $31^{\circ}15'$  S. By Wm. L. Mercer.

Mar 26 Saturday There 24 hours Strong winds from E.  
Topsails & booms out Saw 2 sails The watch  
employed on Ships duty. Taken in sail  
for the night & so forth - - -  
To find Lat  $32^{\circ}05'$  S. By Wm. L. Mercer.

Mar 27 Sunday There 24. hours. first & Middle Part  
Strong breezes from S.W. Latter Part  
Gale A gale from S.W. Laying two under  
Storm sails. Saw one sail & so forth.  
To find Lat  $31^{\circ}53'$  S. By Wm. L. Mercer.

Mar 28 Monday There 24 hours Gale from S.W.  
Laying under Storm Sails & so forth  
To find Lat  $31^{\circ}02'$  S. By Wm. L. Mercer.

Mar 29 Tuesday There 24 hours Strong winds from S.W.  
double reefed Topsails all hands mending  
The for Topsail & so forth - - -  
Taken in sail for the night  
To find Lat  $30^{\circ}59'$  S. By Wm. L. Mercer.



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- Mar 30 Wednesday These 24 hours Strong winds from S.W.  
Saw one Sail finished mending The fore  
Top-sail & Bent it Got out water  
Taken any Sail for the night & so forth  
To Ends Lat  $31^{\circ}03'$  S. By Wm. L. Mercer
- Mar 31 Thursday These 24 hours Light Winds from E.  
Got out Sugar Melasses & hams at 3 o'clock  
Sperm Saw Sperm Whals lowered 3 Boats  
Whals But did not see them again  
To Ends Lat.  $31^{\circ}22'$  S. By Wm. L. Mercer
- April 1 Friday These 24 hours Light winds from S.E.  
all Sail out at 11 P.M. Saw one Sperm Whale  
Lowered 3 Boats But did not see him  
Sperm again at sun down Saw a School  
Whals of Sperm Whals Taken in Sail for the night  
To Ends Lat  $31^{\circ}22'$  S. By Wm. L. Mercer
- April 2 Saturday These 24 hours Strong winds  
from E. double reefed Top-sails at 5 A.M.  
Saw Sperm Whals Lowered 3 Boats  
Sperm I struck one & forth one got his mine  
Whals sunk so I lost him it was dark  
To Ends Lat  $31^{\circ}10'$  S. By Wm. L. Mercer
- April 3 Sunday These 24 hours Strong winds from N.E.  
double reefed Main Top-sail & fore sail  
but in The Whal & Started Boiling  
Saw one sail & so forth -  
To Ends Lat  $31^{\circ}14'$  S. Long.  $46^{\circ}00'$  W. By Wm. L. M.
- April 4 Monday These 24 hours Strong winds from E.  
finished Boiling this Morning  
whale made 10 Bl. Saw one sail  
To Ends Lat  $32^{\circ}02'$  S. By Wm. L. M.
- Wm. J. Mercer Sepia G. Mercer. Mary Mercer &c.



1859. Remarks on Board Ship *Navigator*  
 April 3 Tuesday These 24 hours Light winds from E.  
 all sail out The watch employed  
 on ships duty Taken in sail for the night  
 So finds Lat  $31^{\circ}31'$  S. By Wm L. Mercer

April 6 Wednesday These 24. hours Light winds from N.W.  
 all sail out Saw one Brig I went on Board  
 of her But got nothing The watch  
 employed on ships duty Taken in sail  
 So finds Lat  $31^{\circ}11'$  S. Long  $46^{\circ}08'$  W. By Wm L. M.

April 7 Thursday These 24. hours first 8. Middle <sup>Parts</sup> Light  
 winds Latter Part Strong winds  
 Saw sperm Whals could not get near  
 sperm them with the ship no nearer then  
 Whals 5 mls. Saw one sail got out water  
 So finds Lat  $30^{\circ}56'$  S. Long  $46^{\circ}00'$  W. By W. L. M.

April 8 Friday These 24. hours Strong winds from S.  
 double reefed Topsails The watch  
 employed on ships duty to go forth  
 So finds Lat  $30^{\circ}59'$  S. By Wm L. Mercer.

April 9 Saturday These 24. hours Strong winds from E.  
 double reefed Topsails got out Two Blo Bup  
 and one of Park The watch employed  
 on ships duty to go forth  
 So finds Lat  $30^{\circ}40'$  S By Wm L. Mercer

April 10 Sunday These 24 hours first 8 middle  
 Parts Strong winds from N Latter Part  
 A Gale Ship under storm sails  
 So finds Lat  $31^{\circ}26'$  S. Long  $45^{\circ}30'$  W. W. L. M.

April 11 Monday These 24 hours first 8 middle  
 Parts Gale latter part Strong Breezes  
 from S Saw one sail to go forth  
 So finds Lat  $31^{\circ}39'$  S. By W. L. M.



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April 12 Tuesday These 24 hours Strong winds from S. double reefed Topsails The watch mending The main Sail Saw one Sail  
To find Lat  $31^{\circ}37'$ . S. By Wm. L. Mercer

April 13 Wednesday These 24 hours Strong winds from S. heading East Saw 2 Sails  
Left River Plate for St. Helena The watch employed mending The main Sail & so forth  
To find Lat  $30^{\circ}59'$ . S. By Wm. L. M.

April 14 Thursday These 24 hours Strong winds from S. S. E. double reefed Topsails The watch employed mending The main Sail bearing East By South  
To find Lat  $30^{\circ}37'$ . S. By Wm. L. M.

April 15 Friday These 24 hours Strong Winds from S. Gale with heavy rain squalls Close reefed main Topsails and reefed fore sail saw one sail  
To find Lat  $29^{\circ}57'$ . S. By W. L. M.

April 16 Saturday These 24 hours Gale from South to S. West with heavy rain squalls Ship heading S. E. East  
To find Lat  $29^{\circ}29'$ . S. By Wm. L. Mercer

April 17 Sunday These 24 hours light to mild Gale at 9 A.M. Steering East wind from S. W. double reefed fore & main Topsails & fore sail  
To find Lat  $29^{\circ}19'$ . S Long  $40^{\circ}30'$ . West W. L. M.

April 18 Monday These 24 hours Brisk Breezes from S. S. West all Sail and Steering S. By S. Bent main sail for Top G. Sail  
To find Lat  $28^{\circ}49'$ . S By Wm. L. Mercer



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 April 19. These 24 hours Light winds from S. S. W  
 Steering by S. & all sail out  
 Got out water & one Pipe of Bread  
 The watch employed on Ships duty  
 So ends Lat  $25^{\circ}41'$  S. B. Wm L. Murre

April 20 Wednesday These 24 hours Light winds from  
 S. By heading by N. By the wind  
 The watch employed on Ships  
 duty. Glass and weather as  
 So ends Lat  $28^{\circ}16'$  S. Long  $35^{\circ}01'$  W. By J.

April 21 Thursday These 24 hours Light winds  
 & Calms at round the Compass  
 Put up new fore royal  
 Back. Days The watch employed  
 on Ships duty & so forth  
 So ends Lat  $25^{\circ}24'$  S. By Wm L. M.

April 22 Friday These 24 hours Light from  
 S. S. E. and all sail This morning at  
 died 7.20 M<sup>o</sup> Henry died at Two P. M.  
 at sea committed his Body Two the deep  
 So ends Lat  $27^{\circ}31'$  S. Long  $33^{\circ}02'$  W. W. L. M.

April 23 Saturday These 24 hours Light  
 winds from S. S. E. heading  
 By the wind S. S. E. very squally  
 and rainy The watch employed  
 on Ships duty and so forth  
 So ends Lat  $30^{\circ}26'$  S. Long  $31^{\circ}51'$  W. W. L. M.

April 24 Sunday These 24 hours Light winds  
 from S. S. E. and all sail out Steering  
 by the wind & so forth  
 So ends these 24 hours  
 Lat  $30^{\circ}40'$  S. By William L. Murre



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 April 25 Monday There 24 hours Light  
 winds & calms Stearing E. by S.  
 Point the Boats and mending  
 Mine the watch employed  
 on ships duty & so forth  
 To find Lat  $30^{\circ}39'$  S. Long  $29^{\circ}53'$  West

April 26 Tuesday There 24 hours Brisk Breezes  
 from S East & all sail but heading  
 By the wind. Gave East Pointed  
 my Boat to day the watch  
 employed on ships duty & so forth  
 To find Lat  $30^{\circ}03'$  S. Long  $28^{\circ}15'$  W. By W. L. M.

April 27 Wednesday There 24 hours Brisk Breezes  
 from S East heading by the E. S. East  
 Put out a new Boat for the third mate  
 the watch employed on ships duty  
 To find Lat  $28^{\circ}55'$  S. Long  $26^{\circ}50'$  W. By W. L. M.

April 28 Thursday There 24 hours Light winds  
 and calms with thunder squalls  
 mending the old Mast Boat and so forth  
 The watch employed on ships duty  
 To find There 24 hours Lat  $28^{\circ}46'$  S By W. L. M.

April 29 Friday There 24 hours first Part Calm  
 middle & latter fresh breezes from  
 S. S. W. and all sail. Saw two sails  
 The watch employed on ships duty & so forth  
 To find Lat  $28^{\circ}49'$  S. Long  $24^{\circ}03'$  West By W. L. M.

April 30 Saturday There 24 hours fresh Breezes  
 from N. S. West & all sail saw one sail  
 Pointed gave Boats the watch  
 employed on ships duty and so on  
 To find Lat  $28^{\circ}47'$  S By W. L. M.  
 Course E by S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  S.



1854. Remarks on Board Ship Navigator  
May 1 Sunday These 24 hours Brisk Breezes  
from N.W. all Sail Steering S.E. fast  
Squally all through with rain.  
So finds Lat  $28^{\circ}46'$  S. Long  $18^{\circ}25'$  W. By M.L.M.

May 2 Monday These 24 hours Strong winds  
from S.W. Steering S. S.E. double  
reefed fore & main topsails  
and for sail & sp. very squally.  
So finds Lat  $28^{\circ}54'$  S. Long  $15^{\circ}08'$  W. By M.L.M.

May 3 Tuesday These 24 hours first Part double  
reefed fore & main topsails Middle  
& latter Part all sail wind West  
Steering S. by South. The watch  
employed on ships duty & so forth.  
So finds Lat  $28^{\circ}29'$  S. By M.L.M.

May 4 Wednesday These 24 hours Light  
Winds from West all sail. Steering  
S. by South mending sail  
& so forth. The watch employed  
on ships duty & so forth.  
So finds Lat  $28^{\circ}08'$  S. Long  $11^{\circ}18'$  W.?

May 5 Thursday These 24 hours Light winds  
and heavy rain squalls wind from  
Westward Steering S. by South backed  
one dolphin the watch employed  
on ships duty & so forth.  
So finds These 24 hours Lat  $27^{\circ}52'$  S.

May 6 Friday These 24 hours first Part  
Light Winds and rain squalls.  
Middle Part the same. Latter  
Part Brisk Breezes from East  
heading by a wind N.W. East  
So finds Lat  $27^{\circ}30'$  S. Long  $09^{\circ}45'$  West



1859. Capton Jared Fisher Master  
 May 7. Saturday These 24 hours Brisk Breezes  
 from East Squally with rain  
 Ship working to Win Ward Being  
 at head Wind the Watch employed  
 on Ships duty & so forth  
 To find Lat  $27^{\circ}05'S$  Long  $09^{\circ}01'W$  By W. L. M.

May 8. Sunday These 24 hours fresh winds  
 from East and all sail Squally  
 incl. light rains Ship working  
 to win Ward head Winds & so forth  
 To find Lat  $27^{\circ}18'S$  By W. L. Mercer

May 9. Monday These 24 hours fresh winds  
 from East - Squally & rainy  
 Beating with at head Wind Light  
 sail in The Watch employed  
 on Ships duty & so forth  
 To find Lat  $28^{\circ}35'S$  Long  $07^{\circ}12'W$  By W. L. M.

May 10 Tuesday These 24 hours Strong winds  
 from East Ward & very Squally  
 Taken in all light sails opened  
 Two Bls Beef & one Pork & so forth  
 Goat out & Bucket full of Coffee  
 The Watch employed on Ships duty  
 To find These 24 hours Lat  $27^{\circ}20'S$  By W. L. M.

May 11. Wednesday These 24 hours raining down  
 The South East Trades with main  
 Top Galant Sails & flying the  
 Squally & Light rains & so forth  
 To find Lat  $25^{\circ}32'S$  Long  $05^{\circ}40'W$  By W. L. M.

May 12 Thursday These 24 hours fresh Winds  
 & Squally Light rains double reefed  
 Topsails in Middle Part Tabb all sail  
 To find Latitude  $23^{\circ}40'S$  By W. L. M.



1859. Remarks on Board Ship Navigator  
May 13 Friday These 24 hours fresh winds  
and squally steering by it wind  
N.E. all sail & so forth  
So finds These 24 hours Lat  $21^{\circ}46'$  S Long  $05^{\circ}04'$  W

May 14 Saturday These 24 hours first part  
fine weather & all sail Middle  
part double reefed Topsails  
Latter part strong & squally  
Ship head by it wind N.E. fast  
So finds Lat  $20^{\circ}14'$  S. Long  $03^{\circ}48'$  West

May 15 Sunday These 24 hours strong Trade  
Winds Whole Topsails heading by it  
Wind S by E Island of St. Helena  
218 miles from us Taken in  
sail for the night saw one sail  
So finds Lat  $19^{\circ}45'$  S. Long  $02^{\circ}40'$  West

May 16 Monday These 24 hours strong Trade  
winds heading by the wind S by E  
Berth saw one sail The watch  
day employed on ships duty & so forth  
So finds Lat  $17^{\circ}34'$  S Long  $02^{\circ}34'$  W. W & N

May 17 Tuesday These 24 hours strong  
Trade Winds heading by it Wind  
S by E. At four P.M. Kept away  
N.W. New 1 sail opened 1 pipe  
Aft Breeches hoisted 190 Gallons  
So finds Lat  $16^{\circ}42'$  S. Long  $5^{\circ}45'$  W

May 18 Wednesday These 24 hours first  
Brisk Breezes all sail At 3 P.M.  
Roused the Island of St. Helena  
In latter part anchored  
In Port of St. Helena  
So finds This day of May 18/1859.



1859 Remarks on Board Ship. Manning at  
 May 19 Thursday in Part Painting  
 Ship and so forth all hands  
 So finds this day

May 20 Friday, In Part Painting  
 Ship and so forth all hands  
 So finds this day,

May 21 Saturday, fine Weather  
 Painting Ship Steward Watch  
 ashore on Liberty  
 So finds this day,

May 22 Sunday Weather Squally & light  
 rain Showers Steward Watch  
 ashore on Liberty & so forth  
 So finds this day

May 23 Monday Weather Squally & light  
 rains one watch ashore on  
 Liberty, the watch employed on Board  
 So finds this day.

May 24 Tuesday Weather Squally & light rains  
 Painting, the Bands the 2d time  
 are patch ashore on Liberty  
 So finds this day.

May 25 Wednesday Weather Squally & light  
 rains the watch ashore on Liberty  
 one watch employed on Board.  
 So finds this day.

May 26 Thursday Weather heavy Squally heavy  
 rain Showers Not much doing  
 watch on board to day, all hands on board  
 except John who ran away on the 24th  
 Liberty is to find this day. Wm L. Moore



1859. Remarks on Board Ship Navigator  
May 27 Friday Weather very squally  
with rains all hands employed  
on Board so finds this day.

May 28 Saturday Weather squally with  
light rains all hands employed  
on Board & so forth  
So finds this day.

May 29 Sunday Weather squally heavy rain  
showers 1 Watch on Shore on liberty,  
I went to Hospital & Town.  
& so forth so finds this day,  
Monday

May 30 Monday Weather very squally  
with rain got the man  
Back Back that was away  
all hands employed on Board.  
So finds this day.

May 31 Tuesday Weather squally & rainy  
All hands employed on Board  
I went on shore & shipped 2 first Mate  
off the ship Cook & Steward  
In Irions every night & so forth  
So finds this day William L. Mercer

June 1 Wednesday Weather squally & rainy  
All hands employed on Board  
Sails going & hoisting every day  
So finds this day... William L. Mercer

Thursday  
June 2 Weather very heavy Day with  
Boath - Anchors down at 2 p. M.  
A Spanish Ship came foul of us  
Gored away jib boom and all  
the head gear & took up 4 davits  
and stove our Bul works



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Brook the rail In 2 places  
took our part got head of Sripet  
Bent the chain plate all up and  
took the channels of broke the  
sprubel yard of Batty got heads  
As soon ships nam Is America  
So ends this day Wm L. Mervers

June 3 Friday weather squally & rainy  
held a sur vey on Board  
to day about the damages  
done to us By the ship  
clearing a way the reaches  
So ends this day W. L. M.

June 4. Saturday weather squally  
with rains all hands employed  
on Board & so forth  
So ends this day William L. Mervers

June 5 Sunday weather fine and  
watch a share on Liberty  
So ends this day

June 6 weather clear & fine all hands employed  
on clearing anchors & cables.  
So ends this day By Wm L. Mervers

June 7. weather very fine all hands  
employed on clearing anchors  
yet 3 carpenters from the shore  
to make on the ship & so forth  
So ends this day By William L. Mervers

June 8. weather clear & fine got the  
anchors clear carpenters at work  
yet all hands employed  
on Board  
So ends this day Wm L. Mervers



1859. Remarks on Board Ship navigation  
June 9. weather clear & fine the ~~weather~~  
carpenters at work yet.  
all hands employed on Board.  
opened 1 cask of Bread weighed 195.0  
So finds this day. Wm Lf. Mercury

June 10. Friday weather fine Bracking  
cut oil & coopering to send home  
carpenters still at work yet  
one man descended the ship  
So finds this day.

June 11. Saturday weather fine  
Taking oil on Board Brig  
John Pearce for home  
So finds this day.

June 12 Sunday. weather clear.  
one watch on shore on  
Liberty So finds this day.

June 13 Monday weather clear.  
all hands employed on oil  
for home so finds this day.

June 14 Tuesday. Weather squally.  
all hands employed on Board.  
So finds this day.

June 15. Wednesday. Shipped 247.28.  
Bls. of sperm oil for home  
in Brig John Pearce.  
From St Helena  
So finds this day.



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Remarks on Board Ship Navigator  
June 14 Thursday weather Squally. N  
all hands employed on board  
So ends this day.

June 15 Friday, Weather Clear  
all hands employed on  
board & so forth  
So ends this day.

June 16 Saturday Weather  
Clear all hands employed  
on board & so forth  
ready pass waters.  
So ends this day.

June 17 Sunday Weather fine, & so forth.

June 20 Weather fine all hands  
employed on board  
So ends this day.

June 21 Tuesday day getting ready  
for sea & so forth.  
So ends this day.

June 22 Wednesday fine weather & so on  
at 8 o'clock in the evening  
one man deserted the ship  
he under took to swim to shore  
all hands on board saw him  
when one ship sent the frigate  
Manned 1 Boat & went after him  
But saw him no more.  
He is supposed him to have  
sunk Being a poor swimmer  
Charles A Scott was his name.  
opened one Case of Bread  
So ends this day.



1859 Remarks on Board Ship Navigation  
June 23 Thursday Ship Was all ready  
for sea this morning  
But was detained by the Gannetts  
& the Niger who deserted the  
Ship on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 1859. and was  
Sent on Board again to  
day by orders of the U.S  
Commodore  
So finds this day

June 24 Friday first Part Strong Winds  
& heavy rains Middle Part the same  
 Latter Strong Breezes at 10 o'clock  
have short With all hands  
on Board except the one that  
deserted on the 22 June 1859.  
Shipped 1 Boat Steering Cook & St Boy  
So finds this day By Wm S. Mercer

June 25 Saturday These 24 hours Strong  
Winds all the day, & sailed  
from St Helena at one o'clock.  
Double reefed Top sails Land  
in sight & so forth  
So finds this day

June 26 Sunday These 24 hours Strong  
Winds & rains Land in sight  
So finds this day Lat 15° 29' South  
June 27 Monday These 24 hours  
Strong Breezes & few rain  
squalls the watch employed  
on ships duty & so forth  
Land in sight yet  
So finds this day



1859. Capt Fisher Master  
 June 28 Tuesday there 24 hours strong  
 Breezes & pleasant weather  
 spoke Bark huntress Capt Allen  
 the watch employed on ships duty  
 So finds this day

June 29 Wednesday there 24 hours strong  
 Winds In latter part saw Sperm  
 Whales lowered 3 Boats & struck  
 one and brought him to ship  
 So finds this day

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June 30 Thursday there 24 hours pleasant  
 weather put in the whale & started  
 Bailing at 3 o'clock saw Sperm  
 Whales lowered 2 Boats & had one  
 mist So finds this day 90 Bls W. Am

July 1 Friday there 24 hours light winds  
 Bery Bailing saw 6 Sails Land in  
 sight pleasant weather shortened  
 Sail gave the right Lat 16° 21' S.  
 So finds this day By Wm L. Mercury

July 2 Saturday there 24 hours brisk Breezes  
 saw a number of fin Backs & few  
 Sails finished Bailing Land in sight  
 So finds this day Latitude 16° 27' South

July 3 Sunday there 24 hours Brisk  
 Breezes double reefed Gaff sails  
 lighted several fin Backs  
 and 6 Sails & so forth  
 So finds this day

William L. Mercury Lodi  
 Ship Navigator  
 of Martha's Vineyard Mass.



1859. ~~1844~~ Remarks on Board Ship Navigators  
July 4. Monday these 24 hours Strong Winds  
& heavy all hands employed in Stowing  
down oil in after hatch saw 1 Sail  
So ends this day Lat  $14^{\circ}21'$  South William L. Mercer

July 5. Tuesday these 24 hours Strong Winds  
Double reefed Y ap sails & so forth  
Saw a few Sails the Watch employed  
on Ships duty. Lat  $14^{\circ}49'$  South  
So ends this day William L. Mercer

July 6. Wednesday these 24 hours Strong Winds  
Double reefed Y ap sails Saw several  
Sails spoke Barque hunters  
Breaking Shooks fore oil  
So ends this day Lat  $14^{\circ}14'$  South.

July 7. Thursday these 24 hours Strong Winds  
Double reefed Y ap sails Lighted  
several Sails Broke out water  
the Watch & employed on Ships  
duty. St Helena in sight  
So ends this day Lat  $14^{\circ}34'$  S W L. Mercer

July 8. Friday these 24 hours Strong Winds  
Cooper setting up Shooks  
and the Watch to help him  
lighted several Sails Short time Sail  
for the night & so forth  
So ends this day Lat  $14^{\circ}30'$  South

July 9. Saturday these 24 hours Strong  
Winds Close reefed Y ap sails  
Saw several sails spoke  
Barque hunters Sunk in  
light setting up Shooks & so forth  
So ends this day Lat  $14^{\circ}10'$  South  
William L. Mercer



1859. Capt Jared Fisher Master  
July 10 Sunday there 24 hours strong winds  
& heavy rain squalls & close reefed  
Yap sails saw 2 Sails & so forth  
So ends this day Lat 14° 31' South

July 11 Monday there 24 hours strong winds  
Close reefed Yap sails the watch  
& employed on Ships duty  
Sighted a number of fin Backs  
So ends this day Latitude 14° 20' S

July 12 Tuesday there 24 hours strong Breezes  
Close reefed Yap sails Cooper making  
oil casks from old water pipes  
Saw a number of Sails to day  
the watch & employed on Ships duty  
So ends this day Lat 14° 15' S Land dis 20 m

July 13 Wednesday there 24 hours strong winds  
double reefed Yap sails Cooper Bussey  
Sighted 5 Sails Saw a few fin Backs  
the watch & employed on Ships duty  
So ends this day Lat 14° 15' South Land 20 m

July 14 Thursday there 24 hours strong winds  
double reefed Yap sails Spake Bark  
Huntress I went on Board  
Capt Allen came on Board of us  
Saw a few Sails & so forth  
So ends this day Lat 14° 15' S. Land 20 m

July 15 Friday there 24 hours strong winds  
double reefed Yap sails  
Spake Bark Ohio Capt Baker  
9 months from home 3 a Bb Spm  
Very poor navigation here 330 Bb Sp  
So ends this day Lat 14° 34' South  
William S. Turner



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1859. Remarks on Board Ship Navigator  
July 16. Saturday there 24 hours strong winds  
double reefed Gaff sails saw 2 Sails  
huntress & Ohio spoke Ohio got out  
water & flour & so forth Land in sight  
So ends this day Lat 16° 40' South

July 17. Sunday there 24 hours strong winds  
double reefed Gaff sails at 7 A.M. Kept  
a way fore St Helena run down  
aboard of the town Capt & wife  
to stay for the night & so forth  
So ends this day No C.B.S.

July 18 Monday there 24 hours strong  
winds double reefed Gaff sails  
Capt & wife remain a mother  
day yet. Ship Laying off & on  
So ends this day No C.B.S. W.L.M.

July 19. Tuesday there 24 hours strong winds  
made sail for the Coast of Africa  
Capt & wife came on Board at 3 P.M.  
the watch employed on ship's duty  
So ends this day No C.B.S.

July 20 Wednesday there 24 hours  
Light Winds & all sail heading  
& making a flying jib boom  
the watch employed on ship's  
duty So ends this day No C.B.S.

100 Bls Mist

July 21 Thursday there 24 hours Brisk  
Breezes all sail heading East  
at 11 A.M. saw a lone sperm  
whale round the boats waist but  
went on & mist him  
So ends this day.



1859 July 22<sup>nd</sup> Friday there 24 hours light  
Breezes all sail shipped out flying  
jib boom & so forth ship heading E  
So ends this day Lat 13° 25' S. Long 02° 40' West

July 23. Saturday there 24 hours Light Breezes  
all sail heading N. E. the watch  
employed on ships duty opened 1 cask  
of Bread & 1 on the 4<sup>th</sup> so forth  
So ends this day Lat 12° 44' S Long 02° 00' W

July 24 Sunday there 24 hours first Light wind  
Middle Port the same  
Latter Port Brisk Breezes hauled  
the light sail & so forth Pleasant weather  
So ends this day Lat 11° 55' S. Long 01° 00' W

July 25 Monday there 24 hours Brisk Breezes  
heading E by S. all hands employed  
in stowing ground gear casks  
& filling with <sup>salt</sup> water also 2d gear  
So ends this day Lat 11° 11' S. Long 01° 15' East

July 26 Tuesday there 24 hours Brisk Breezes  
from S heading E S E. all hands  
engaged in filling casks with salt water  
So ends this day Lat 10° 52' South W 2<sup>nd</sup>

July 27. Wednesday there 24 hours Light winds  
ship heading E by South by the wind  
all hands engaged in stowing & casks  
and filling them with salt water  
So ends this day Lat 10° 24' S. W 2<sup>nd</sup>

July 28 Thursday there 24 hours light winds  
all though heading E S E. with  
all sail casks engaged in setting  
all shooks turned the winches out  
& hauled it So ends Lat 10° 04' S W 2<sup>nd</sup>



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1859. Remarks on Board Ship Navigator,  
July 29. Friday there 24 hours first & middle  
Parts light winds heading by the  
wind S. S. E. with all sail  
at 7 a.m. Kept a way N. E.  
backed a fore pass  
So ends this day Lat 9° 42' S Long 6° 01' E

July 30. Saturday there 24 hours Light airs  
& calms the watch employed  
on ships duty & so forth  
So ends this day Lat 9° 33' South

July 31 Sunday there 24 hours Light winds  
All sail Steering East  
Saw several pin Backs W. L. M.  
So ends this day Lat 8° 51' S Long 7° 43' East

August 1 Monday there 24 hours first  
& middle Parts light winds & calms  
Latter Part Light Breezes Steering  
S. E. with all sail the watch engaged  
in mending the old main top sail  
& so forth  
So ends this day Lat 8° 20' S W. L. M.

August 2d. Tuesday there 24 hours  
Light winds & all sail finished  
mending the main top sail  
& Bent it - setting up shrouds  
So ends this day Long 10° 33' East

Aug 3d. Wednesday there 24 hours Brisk  
Breezes All sail Steering S. S. E.  
Bent the main & top sail  
sent down the fore sail  
to repair Pleasant weather  
So ends this day Lat 7° 53' South



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1859. August Thursday there 24 hours  
Light Winds finished mending  
the fore sail & Bent Lt  
So found this day Lat 71° 44' South

August 5 Friday there 24 hours Light winds  
Rained the Land on the Coast  
of Aparica & Anchored at  
Kinassimbo River  
So found this day W 2 M

August 6 Saturday there 24 hours  
Ship to anchors Capt sent <sup>165</sup> 165  
a shore to see what I could  
Buy <sup>Bought</sup> Boulock 1 Pig 1 deer 300 eggs  
Paid 14 \$ 45 cents Some fruit for nothing

7th Sunday there 24 hours  
Boats up saw nothing  
So found this day

8th Monday there 24 hours Boats off  
saw a few whales got none  
So found this day

9th Tuesday Pleasant Weather  
Boats up Starboard Boat killed  
a whale trunk so had to anchor him  
So found this day W 2 M

August 10 Wednesday there 24 hours  
Light Air & Calms Boats off  
saw nothing  
So found this day W 2 M

11th Thursday there 24 hours Light Air  
Got the whale & ate leg  
& commence Bailing  
So found this day



1554. Remarks on Board Ship navigators  
Aug 12<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday these 24 hours Light air  
& Calm fresh Bailing  
So good this day

13<sup>th</sup> Saturday these 24 hours  
Light air & Calm Boats of  
saw a few whales very wild  
went on shore & brought  
a Bullock & so forth  
So good this day & 11<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> M

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday these 24 hours Boats  
of saw a few whales  
going quick  
So good this day 11<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> M

15<sup>th</sup> Monday these 24 hours Light  
air & Calm Boats of saw  
a few Whales going fast  
So good this day

16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday these 24 hours Light  
air & Calm Boats of all day  
saw nothing  
So good this day

17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday these 24 hours Light  
air & Calm Boats of an Coast  
of Africa - all day saw nothing  
So good this day

18<sup>th</sup> Thursday these 24 hours Light  
air & Calm Boats of  
on the Coast Africa  
I was on shore to day  
after noon & so forth  
So good this day 11<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> M  
Spir G. Mercers



1859 On the Coast of Africa  
Aug 19 Friday there 24 hours Light  
air & Calm. Bouts of Saw a few  
Whals going quick got 2 Boat  
Loads of Walrus  
So ends this day W. L. M.

20 the Saturday there 24 hours  
Light air & Calm Bouts of  
Saw nothing  
So ends this day. W. L. M.

21 the Sunday there 24 hours  
Light air & Calm  
Bouts of Saw nothing  
So ends this day W. L. M.

Aug 22 Monday there 24 hours Calm  
Bouts of Saw nothing  
Packed a few fish & so forth  
So ends this day.

23 Tuesday there 24 hours Light  
air went on Shore after  
A Bullock & one man run away

24 Wednes Light air Bouts  
of Saw nothing

25 Thursday Light air  
Waiting for the man  
that run away  
and so on W. L. M.

Aug 26 Friday Light air Saw nothing  
got out 4 Bags flour  
Sold 1 Boat \$140  
So ends this day William L. Mervin  
Lefie G. Mervin Margaret L. Mervin



1859. Remarks on Board Ship Navigators  
August 27. Saturday there 24 hours I saw nothing  
all hands on duty again  
So ends this day 11<sup>h</sup> 4<sup>m</sup>.

28. Sunday there 24 hours light wind  
got 1 Bullock from the shore  
and weighed anchor  
& stood out to sea  
So ends this day 11<sup>h</sup> 4<sup>m</sup>.

29. Monday there 24 hours  
light air & calm heading  
to the West  
the watch employed on ship's duty  
So ends this day 11<sup>h</sup> 4<sup>m</sup>.

30. Tuesday light wind from  
S. S. W. heading to west till  
the watch employed on ship's duty  
So ends this day 11<sup>h</sup> 4<sup>m</sup>.

31. Wednesday light wind & all sail  
ship working to windward.  
Black Smith at work  
the watch employed on ship's duty  
So ends this day Lat 8° 40' S Long 111° 29'

Sept. 1. Thursday light air & calm  
ship heading to West were  
the watch employed  
on ship's duty & so forth  
So ends this day Lat 8° 37' S.

Sept 2. Friday light air & all sail  
very pleasant weather  
Black Smith at work  
the watch employed on ship's duty  
So ends Lat 8° 35' S Long 111° 37' East



1859 Coast of Africa  
 Sept 3 Saturday Light airs & Calms  
 Breeze heading W. S.W. all sail  
 Park 1 the Watch employed on ship's duty  
 So ends this day Lat 8° 31' South

Sept 4 Sunday there 24 hours Light airs  
 & Calms Hatched 3 Albert cores weighed  
 114 pounds Pleasant Weather  
 So ends this day Lat 8° 59' South

Sept 5 Monday Light airs & Calms  
 heading S.W. all sail but  
 the Watch employed on ship's duty  
 So ends Latitude 9° 19' South

Sept 6 Tuesday Light Breezes heading  
 By the wind W. S.W. Steved  
 down in after hold 448 Gallons  
 whale oil Breaking out & filling  
 ground tier with fast water  
 So ends Lat 9° 42' Long 10° 33' East

Sept 7 Wednesday Light airs & Calms  
 Breeze in after hold yet  
 can not find the Slugs  
 no more in ship  
 So ends this day Lat 9° 42' S. W. E. m

Sept 8 Thursday Light airs & Calms  
 finished work in after hold  
 So ends this day Lat 10° 03' South

Sept 9 Friday Light airs & Calms  
 sent down fore & aft Galant sail  
 to repair & bend it again  
 So ends this day Lat 10° 01' South

Mother Mary & Jessie G. Mercer



No. 54.

1854 Remarks on Board Ship Navigator  
Sept 10 Saturday Light winds at 10 A.M.

Saw Sperm whale lowered Boat  
I struck 1 & got him & went again  
and struck another & line parted  
So ends Lat 10° 15. S. Long 9° 21 East.

11. Sunday Light winds  
Got in the Sperm whale  
& cleared up decks & commenced  
bailing a few rain barrels  
So ends this day W. B. Mercur

Sept 12 Monday there 24 hours light winds  
bailing Sperm Barge  
Carried off New Bedford  
at 27 months out 700 Sperm  
So ends this day Lat 10° 02 S. Lon 8348.

Sept 13 Tuesday Light winds finished  
Bailing Barge in light  
So ends this day W. B. Mercur

Sept 14 Wednesday there 24 hours  
Light Breezes all sail  
heading S by West  
mended my Boat that was  
stove by the last whale  
So ends Lat 10° 41 S. Long 9° 51 East

Sept 15 Thursday Light winds all sail  
Hauled down 5 B. Sperm oil  
in main hatch  
So ends this day Lat 10° 54 S. Lon

Sept 16 Friday Light Breezes heading S.  
Got 3 Black fish 1 to my Boat  
2 sails in light  
So ends Lat 11° 25 S. Long 1025 East



1859. On Coast of Africa

Sept 17. Saturday Light winds  
Got 3 Black fish WB2 B.B1  
1 Sail in sight & 1/2 p. south  
So ends this day Lat 11° 4' p. south W. P.M.

Sept 18 Sunday These 24 hours Light winds  
Boiling but our Black fish  
made 4 B's 1 sail in sight  
So ends this day Lat 11° 51' South

Sept 19 Monday fresh breezes ship heading  
To westward with all sails saw a few  
fin backs & 1 sail this watch doing nothing  
So ends this day Lat 12° 27' S Long 8° 54' E

Sept 20 Tuesday Breeze breezes from West  
hazy & generally ship working  
To Southward & 1/2 p. south  
So ends this day Latitude 12° 50' South

Sept 21 Wednesday Strong winds ship  
working to windward under  
Top sails the watch picking  
up a man & a man got a Bad Cold  
So ends this day Lat 13° 29' South

Sept 22 Thursday Strong Breeze is sight  
Sails in & got out water & meat  
Nothing much going on at present  
So ends this day Lat 14° 15' S Long 8° 41' East

Sept 23 Friday Strong Breezes ship  
Beating thick hazy & Light wind  
Nothing doing on Board  
of any account at this time  
So ends this day Lat 14° 31' South

Mother Mary & Joseph & all Wm L. Mercier



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1854 Ship Navigator  
Sept 24 Saturday Strong Breezes Light  
Sails in ship working Southward  
with the head wind the watch  
employed on Ships duty  
So ends Lat 15° 03. S. Long 9° 40 East 11:30 am

Sept 25 Sunday Strong Breezes Single  
reefed Top sails hazy & light rain  
Ship working to the westward  
So ends this day Latitude 15° 08 S

Sept 26 Monday Brisk Breezes  
all sail Heaving to  
for Little Fish Bay  
the watch employed  
on Ships duty  
So ends Lat 15° 31 S. Long 11° 25 E.

Sept 27 Tuesday Brisk Breezes  
at 10 AM we reached  
the Land at 4 PM  
unhatched in Little Fish  
Bay east of the Sprat  
So ends Lat 15° 13 S Long 12° 07 E.

Sept 28 Wednesday all hands  
Sailing up the River  
to go for the  
3 Portuguese Soldiers  
on Board for the  
So ends this day

Sept 29 Thursday Pleasant weather  
all hands engaged  
Sailing up the River  
So ends this day in Little Fish  
Bay

Another Mary Jessie Hall Wm. J. Hall



1859 In Little fish Bay  
 Sept 29 Friday Pleasant weather  
 all employed in the rigging  
 So ends this day in Little fish Bay

Sept 30 Saturday Pleasant weather  
 Buoy during the rigging  
 25 Pumpkins came on Board  
 with some fruit  
 So ends this day in Little fish Bay

Oct 1 Sunday Pleasant weather  
 Watch on Liberty  
 So ends this day

Oct 2 Monday fine weather fishing  
 ready for water  
 So ends this day

Oct 3<sup>d</sup> Tuesday fine weather sent  
 a raft of 45 fasks to shore  
 So ends this day in Little fish Bay

Oct 4 Wednesday sailed to ground Lark  
 with Lark for salt  
 Siting up Lark for fresh water  
 So ends this day in Little fish Bay

Oct 5 Thursday fine weather  
 some boats up fishing weather  
 before night fasks  
 So ends this day

Oct 6 Friday fine weather  
 getting water & so forth  
 So ends this day  
 in Little fish Bay  
 W. L. B.



1859 Ship Navigator  
Oct 7 Saturday fine weather  
getting water & forth  
so finds this day

Oct 8 Sunday fine weather  
1 watch on liberty 2 men deserted  
so finds this day from ship

Oct 9 Monday fine weather  
getting water Potatoes  
& provisions  
so finds this day little fish dry

Oct 22 Saturday I was taken sick  
on the 10 with the African  
fever and not well yet  
Last night at 10 o'clock  
found the ship to have been  
set on fire called all hands  
got it put out but she was  
doing much damage  
But could find the man  
out that done it  
At day light this morning  
weighed anchor & went  
to sea ship & man & 2 run  
so finds this day

Oct 23 Sunday Strong winds double  
reefs heading by the wind  $w\frac{1}{2}$  N.  
little better but fare from  
be well yet  
so finds Lat  $14^{\circ} 54'$  S Long  $8^{\circ} 55'$  E

Oct 24 Monday Brisk gales double reefs  
Jib & main sail in heading  
by the wind  $w\frac{1}{2}$  South  
so finds this day Lat  $15^{\circ} 18'$  South



1859. <sup>25</sup> Oct ~~24~~ Tuesday There 24 hours strong winds double reefs heading W by S  $1\frac{1}{2}$  S Broke out Between decks & opened 1 Gask Bre So ends this day Lat  $15^{\circ}55'$  South

Oct 24 Wednesday fine weather All sail heading by the wind W. S. W. Brought  $1\frac{1}{2}$  of our potatoes to dry which was wet by the fire Got out Molasses & so forth So ends Lat  $14^{\circ}53'$  S. Long  $5^{\circ}28'$  East

Oct 27 Thursday Brisk Breezes All sail heading S. W. by West Patched one Parpus Put up the Blacksmiths forge to do some small work So ends Lat  $15^{\circ}08'$  South W. G. M

Oct 28 Friday Strong winds double reefs heading by the wind S. W. the watch employed on ships duty & so forth So ends this day Lat  $19^{\circ}54'$  S. Long  $2^{\circ}55'$  E.

Oct 29 Saturday Strong winds and double reefs heading S. W. At 5.30 P. M. sighted a large shoal of sperm Whals going quick to see being to late to lower for them saw 1 sail steering N. N. W. So ends Lat  $21^{\circ}06'$  S Long  $2^{\circ}08'$  East

Oct 30 Sunday At 10 o'clock saw a shoal of sperm whals fore the boats I struck 1 & 2 hours after 3d mate struck got 2 So ends this day



No 60  
1859.  
Oct 31.

Ship Navigator  
Monday commenced cutting  
at 2 o'clock P.M. finished  
cutting & commenced  
Boiling 2d mate of duty  
To f mds this day Lat  $21^{\circ}37'S$ .

Nov 1 Tuesday Strong winds  
under short sail Boiling  
Ship heading S.W. saw one Sail  
To f mds Lat  $22^{\circ}09'S$ . Long 33 miles East

Nov 2 Wednesday Strong Breezes Ship  
under short sail heading S.W. S.  
Busy Boiling & To forth  
To f mds Latitude  $22^{\circ}48'S$ . W. B. M.

Nov 3 Thursday Light Winds all sail head  
S.W. finished Boiling Pleasant  
weather 2d mate sick  
To f mds Lat  $23^{\circ}33'S$  South Long  $1^{\circ}33'$  <sup>West</sup> ~~East~~

Nov 4 Friday Light Winds all sail  
heading W.S.W. all hands  
Busy stowing down  
in fore hold stowed  
44 Bls sperm oil down  
To f mds Lat  $24^{\circ}22'S$  South

Nov 5 Saturday Pleasant weather  
all sail heading S.W.  
sent down the fore top sail  
and repaired & bent again  
saw a Steam Ship  
To f mds this day  
Latitude  $24^{\circ}11'S$  South



1859. Sunday Light winds & Pleasant  
Weather all sail heading Sw.  
Sends this day Lat  $25^{\circ}42'$  Long  $2^{\circ}10'W$

Nov 7. Monday light winds & Balm  
Ship on different Tacks  
the watch employed  
on ships duty  
Sends this day Lat  $25^{\circ}55'$  South

Nov 8 Tuesday fine weather with  
a few rain squalls Bent the new  
main topsail & close mizzen  
over hauling & haling gear  
Ship on different Tacks  
Sends Latitude  $25^{\circ}20'$  South

Nov 9 Wednesday Strong winds double  
reefs heading S.W. by S. wind  
the watch employed on ships duty  
Sends this day Lat  $27^{\circ}29'$  South

Nov 10 Thursday Brisk Breezes  
all sails heading S. & S by E.  
2<sup>d</sup> mate over hauling & haling gear  
on duty got out 3 Bags flour Pleasant W  
again Sends Lat  $29^{\circ}07'S$  Long  $1^{\circ}07'W$

Nov 11 Friday Brisk Breezes from North  
steering S. by S. with all sail  
saw a few Chumpha Backs  
Sends Latitude  $30^{\circ}29'$  South W Gen

Nov 12 Saturday fine weather with  
Brisk Breezes from North  
steering S. by S. with all sail  
Booming with a fine wind  
for the p. right whal ground  
Sends this day No. O. B. S. W. S. M.



November 13/59

1859. Sunday heavy Gales from N.W.  
running by for the wind  
with a double reefed  
fore & main topsail heavy rains  
So finds this day No. O.B.S.

Nov 14 Monday Strong Breezes from N.  
steering by by S got out  
water & meat & so on  
So finds this day Lat 33° 35' S. Long 7° 15' E.

Nov 15 Tuesday this day comes in with  
light Breezes from North steering  
heavy South with all sail at 8 P.M.  
rain wind hauled to S.W. & blowing  
squalls a heavy gale ship under a close  
reefed main top sail laying to  
So finds Lat 34° 05' South

Nov 16 Wednesday first & middle Part  
Gale Later Part Strong Breezes  
set double reefed top sails  
steering by N.W.  
So finds Lat 34° 52' S. Long

Nov 17 Thursday fresh Gales from westward  
sent fire flying file & boom  
heavy sea running from S.W.  
under short sail B & d. weather  
So finds Lat 36° 11' S. Long 10° 22' East

Nov 18 Friday Strong winds from west  
double reefed fore & main  
topsails steering S East  
heavy at 12 A.M. close reefed the  
gale main topsail & laced by the  
wind heavy gale & heavy sea  
sent down fore & mizzen top galeant  
sails & yards So finds Lat 37° 12' South



1859. Nov 19. Saturday heavy gales from Westward laying two under storm sails heavy sea running from West to gndls this day Lat  $37^{\circ}07'$  S. Long  $13^{\circ}36'$  E.

Nov 20 Sunday fine weather all sail set course South by S. a large swell running from West light rain squalls S of us Latitude  $37^{\circ}40'$  South W. L. M.

Nov 21 Monday fine weather But head winds ship on different tacks a 2.30 saw shoal of Black fish lowered the Boat I struck 2 saved 1. Black & 3 mates Pleasant weather & so on fish so gndls this day Latitude  $37^{\circ}38'$  South,

Nov 22 Tuesday Strong winds from North heavy steering S. by S. at 7.30 took gale in all sail but a close reefed and main topsail bore too on fore & P. rain so gndls this day Lat  $38^{\circ}42'$  South,

Nov 23 Wednesday Strong from West running before the wind & fast with double reefed fore & main topsails & fore course sail set so gndls Lat  $39^{\circ}30'$  S. Long  $20^{\circ}10'$  East

Nov 24 Thursday these 24 hours strong winds from WNW double reefed topsails & barses steering S. by E. Boiled the Black fish & caught 5 Porpoes my self. so gndls this day Latitude  $39^{\circ}$  degrees & 9 miles South Longitude  $23^{\circ}$  degrees & 20 miles East Jesse & Mercer & Mrs J. Mercer Maria & Mercer & William & Mercer



No 64  
1809. Remarks on Board Ship Navigator  
Nov 25 Friday heavy gale from S.E. & rainy  
heavy Laying on Starboard tack  
gale under storm sails heading S.W.  
So ends this day No. C.B.S.

No 26 Saturday first & middle part  
strong gale from S.E. Laying  
too the heading S.W. Latter  
fine weather made all sails  
heading South Pleasant wind  
So ends Lat  $40^{\circ} 29'$  S Long  $23^{\circ} 56'$  E.

No 27 Sunday first & middle part  
fine breezes & pleasant weather  
heavy Latter part strong winds  
gale from W. double reefed the topsails  
and let more wind hauled suddenly  
round to S.W. layed too with storm sails  
So ends Latitude  $40^{\circ} 51'$  South

No 28 Monday first gale from S.W.  
threatening at 6 P.M. more moderate  
appearance Kept a way S.E. by E  $\frac{1}{2}$  E wind W  
of the With double reefed topsails  
weather So ends this day Lat  $40^{\circ} 50'$  S. Long  $24^{\circ} 44'$  East

No 29 Tuesday there 24 hours Brisk Breezes  
from W. Course E.S.E. double  
curry reefs & fore sail shipped a new  
weather Greenstone all well pleasant weather  
So ends Lat  $40^{\circ} 25'$  S. Long  $29^{\circ} 35'$  East

No 30 Wednesday first Strong  
winds from West  
double reefs Latter middle part  
the same Latter part close  
reefs Course S.E. by South  
So ends No C.B.S. M.L.M.



No 65 Whale Ground

1859. Making Passage for Dartmouth  
December 1<sup>st</sup> 59<sup>th</sup> Thursday the morning comes in with  
weather and all sail course S & by S.  
Nothing worth note on board  
So ends this day Lat  $40^{\circ}12'S$  Long  $34^{\circ}57'E$ .

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday first Part light winds  
from North Middle Part  
Double reefed Top Sails, hauled  
Main Course & therating Course  
Expectance of weather S & by S.  
So ends this day Lat  $40^{\circ}49'S$  Wm. L. M.

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday first Part Strong  
Gals from Nor west hauled  
Rigged Top Sails Middle  
head Part wind hauled to S & east  
Wind a cold rain storm Latter Part  
Cold heavy rains Ship heading S & by S.  
rains So ends this day No A B S. W. L. Mercur.

Dec 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday first Part Strong Breezes  
from S & by S. Ship heading S & by S. with  
Plenty Double reefed Top sail & fore Course  
in Middle Part the same Latter Part  
Backs wind from S & by S.  
the last very cold Plenty rain & so forth  
5 day So ends this day Lat  $42^{\circ}13'S$  Long  $41^{\circ}23'E$

Dec 5<sup>th</sup> Monday first Part Strong winds from  
S & by S. Ship heading S & by S. with double reefed course  
Middle Part the same Latter gentle Breezes  
& all sail light fogs & so forth  
So ends this day Latitude  $43^{\circ}01'S$  W. L. M.

Dec 6<sup>th</sup> Tuesday first Part light winds from  
West & by S. Middle the same  
Latter wind S & by S heading S & by S. (the  
clear weather So ends Lat  $43^{\circ}16'S$  Long  $45^{\circ}18'E$  East



Notes

1859 Remarks on board Ship Navigator  
Dec 7 Wednesday Strong Breezes and thick  
fog & clear at 12 double reefed courses & by 8  
Sofinds this day Lat  $44^{\circ}10'$  South Wm & M

Dec 8 Thursday Strong Winds  
from NE. double reefed to ptails  
at 4 PM Put her under  
storm sails Barometer at 29  
Lowest she has been yet  
heavy Gale of Wind  
One of the old grey Backs from  
Sofinds this day William & Mercy

Dec 9 Friday heavy Gale from NW  
Laying to under storm  
sails heavy sea on  
Sofinds this day Lat  $43^{\circ}25'$  S Long  $48^{\circ}45'$  East

Dec 10 Saturday there 24 hours heavy  
Gale from NW west Laying  
to under storm sails  
Sofinds Lat  $43^{\circ}25'$  S Long  $48^{\circ}45'$  East

Dec 11 Sunday first part Strong gales  
from NW double reefed to ptails  
Snow middle part Light winds  
Squalls latter part Strong Breezes  
hours S.W. thick weather  
Sofinds Lat  $44^{\circ}10'$  S Long  $49^{\circ}04'$  East

Dec 12 Monday thick fog & rain  
few Sulphur Bottoms clear up  
for a little at a time under  
short sail Looking for whales  
on Browetts But weather  
is so bad no prob.  
Left by Messrs Wm & Mercy



1859. On Growzets Whale Grounds. J. A. Masten  
Dec 13 Tuesday Laying in a heavy Gale  
to wind from the Nor west heading  
to W. S. W. under Storm Sails  
Clear & dry Weather very cold  
So ends Lat 44° 50' S. Long 49° 27' East

Dec 14 Wednesday heavy gale of wind  
from NW Laying under Storm Sails  
heading N.W.W. Very Cold  
So ends Lat 44° 45' S. Long 49° 22'

Dec 15 Thursday Brisk gale from NW.  
Ship on different Yacks  
heavy under Storm Sails & so far  
So ends Lat 44° 20' S. Long 49° 25' East

Dec 16 Friday first & middle part  
Gale from W. N. W. Latter part  
a mere for sail  
So ends this day Lat 44° 54' S. Long 49° 25' East

Dec 17 Saturday first gale middle more moderate  
Latter part let double reefed topsails  
So ends this day Lat 44° 36' S. Long 49° East

Dec 18 Sunday light winds leaving  
Growzets for bad weather, and  
North has not been one right wheel  
So ends Lat 43° 32' S. Long 49° 12' East

19. Monday first part strong winds  
from N steering E. W. all sail  
at 8 p.m. double reefed  
middle part the same  
Latter part wind from west  
course N. E. with all sail  
So ends Lat 42° 36' S. Long 51° 24' = 30 East



No 48

1859. Remarks on Board Ship Navigator,  
Dec 20 Tuesday first & middle part fine weather  
Latter part heavy Gale from North  
Laying too slender storm sails to E. & N.  
So & ends this day No 53 & thick fog & rain

Dec 21 Wednesday first & middle parts heavy snow  
Gale Laying too slender storm sails  
Latter part wind from S.W. kept away  
& N. & made all sail.  
So & ends this day Lat 40° 55' S Long 52° 37' 14" East

Dec 22 Thursday There 24 hours light  
winds & Pleasant weather  
Laying all sail out  
So & ends this day Lat 40° 07' S Long 52° 55' East

Dec 23 Friday There 24 hours fine weather  
heaving all by the wind  
made a good 4 ap sail fore & by Brist  
So & ends Lat 39° 77' S Long 54° 10' East

Dec 24 Saturday Strong winds from NW  
double reefed 4 ap sails heading  
N. East by the wind  
So & ends Lat 37° 45' S Long 57° 32' East

Dec 25 Sunday fine weather wind N.W.  
all sail steering N. East Long 53° 41' East  
So & ends Phoenix mass Lat 35° 58' S

Dec 26 Monday Strong winds  
from S.W. double reefed top sails  
heading E. & N. by the wind East  
So & ends this day Lat 35° 05' S Long 59° 02' East

Dec 27 Tuesday heavy rain & thick  
fog & calm Bad weather  
So & ends No 55 W.L. has tooth ache



1859 December 28. Wednesday first part  
Calm & foggy Light Winds from N.  
heading East part squally & rainy  
J. M. Stewart N. Boat Steerer of duty  
Sick old sickness W. L. with south ac  
So & ends No. 035. Wm L. Mercer

Dec 29 Thursday fine Weather sent up  
fore W. Mizzen top gallant yards  
& Bent the sails Course North  
With all sail Wind West  
So & ends Lat 32° 49' S Long 57° 32' East

Dec 30 Friday fine Weather all sail  
sent out the flying jibboom  
& Bent the sail Course N. Wind S.  
So & ends this day Lat 31° 27' S Long 57° 14' E.

Dec 31 Saturday fine weather  
all sail Course N. Wind East  
Saw 2 sails the watch  
Employed on ships duty 5-24-30  
Latitude 29° 06' S. Longitude East  
So & ends the year of our Lord  
1859.

January 1/1860

Sunday Strong winds  
from S. W. Steering N. by W.  
Saw 2 sails Steering west by N.  
So & ends Lat 27° 07' S Long 53° 25' East

Jan 2 Monday heavy squally weather  
head wind & plenty rain  
So & ends this day  
Lat 27° 00' S Long 52° 13' East



1840  
1840 Tuesday Bad weather  
rains & so forth  
So ends this day  
Latitude 24°33 S Long 52°03 E.

Jan 4 Wednesday first part Calm  
middle part light airs  
latter strong breezes  
Course N 8 W. wind S E.  
So ends N 8 S remain 9

Jan 5 Thursday strong breezes  
running S E trade winds  
down equally double  
reefs Stewart on duty from Section  
So ends Lat 24°24 S Long 49°12 E

Jan 6 Friday fine weather & strong  
winds from East  
Game of with Ship Richard  
Mitchel of Edgartown  
37 month out 2900 Barrels  
of oil Grise & home  
So ends Lat 24°53 South

Jan 7 Saturday fine weather  
Spoke Bark Pamela of Bedford  
8 month out 200 B Ls W.  
Shortened sail for night  
So ends this day. Lat 25°00 S.

8. Sunday Brisk trade winds  
all sail set ship on different  
backs looking for whales  
a few sails in sight  
So ends Lat 24°27 S Long 49°18 E.

Madagascar  
East



1860 Coast of Madagascar  
July 9. Monday Squally Spoke ship  
abigail of New Bedford  
H. M. M. M. out 1400 P. M.  
Ship looking for whales  
So ends Lat  $24^{\circ}52'S$  Long  $48^{\circ}52'20''$  East

July 10 Tuesday fine weather, Brisk  
Breezes on different tacks  
repaired main spencer, got out water  
had 1 tooth drawn 3 sails in sight  
So ends Lat  $24^{\circ}44'S$  Long  $49^{\circ}20'E$

July 11 Wednesday fine weather  
all sail set 2 sails in sight  
the watch mending the fore  
top sail on different tacks  
So ends Lat  $23^{\circ}7'S$  Long  $49^{\circ}01'45''$

July 12 Thursday fine weather  
Saw 1 sperm whale toward  
the boats I struck him  
line parted to East  
Biggest whale I ever saw  
So ends Lat  $24^{\circ}36'S$  Long  $48^{\circ}40'$

July 13 Friday fine weather  
mending for top sail  
So ends Lat  $24^{\circ}41'S$  Long  $48^{\circ}22'$  East

July 14 Saturday fine weather  
Bent the fore top sail to the  
old main top sail 4 sails  
in sight to so forth  
So ends Lat  $24^{\circ}55'S$  Long  $48^{\circ}35'$  East

Harboard Boat left  
and 1 tub up line  
Biggest whale I ever saw



1860 No 72

July 15 Sunday fine weather

7:30 forth

So & ends Lat  $24^{\circ}46'$  S Long  $48^{\circ}36'$  East

July 16 Monday fine weather

Geared with Richard

Mithell the Watch

Group boyed on ships duty

So & ends Lat  $25^{\circ}03'$  S Long  $49^{\circ}02'$  East

July 17 Tuesday fine weather

all these 24 hours 4 sails

In sight Watch employed on duty

So & ends this day Lat  $24^{\circ}08'$  S Long  $48^{\circ}45'$  East

July 18 Wednesday fine weather

all sail 4 sails in sight

the watch employed on duty

So & ends Lat  $24^{\circ}24'$  S Long  $48^{\circ}12'55"$  East

July 19 Thursday fine weather

filed up the water Butt

the watch employed

Knating rope yards for Spun yarn

So & ends Lat  $24^{\circ}45'$  S Long  $48^{\circ}43'$  East

July 20 Friday Strong Breezes & Squally

with rain 3 sails in sight

Sigelize 1 French Merchant man

So & ends Lat  $24^{\circ}54'$  S Long  $48^{\circ}52'$  East

July 21 Saturday Strong winds

and heavy squalls of wind

and rain ship under

double reefed topsails

one sail in sight

the Watch employed

on ships duty

So & Lat  $24^{\circ}27'$  S. Long  $48^{\circ}47'$  East



1860.22 Sunday Throny Breezes double reefs  
1 Sail in sight  
So ends Lat 24°34' S Long 48°53' East

Jan 23 Monday Very Bad weather  
under very short sail 2 sails  
as near as 1/2 mile  
So ends Lat 24°50' S Long 49°29' East

Jan 24 Tuesday these 24 hours heavy gale  
under short sail too sails in sight  
So ends Lat 25°03' S Long 49°39'30" East

25 Wednesday first part heavy  
gale middle part the same  
latter part strong winds  
2 sails in sight making four yards  
So ends Lat 24°53' S Long 49°44'30" East

26 Thursday fine weather, shake  
ship, abegail & bought a new  
cutting fall to make G. Guyes  
So ends Lat 24°20' S Long 48°33' East

27 Friday fine weather 2 sails  
in sight the watch  
employed on ships duty  
So ends Lat 25°11' S Long 48°19'30" East

28 Saturday fine Weather  
all sail Potatoes on deck  
to dry found good many  
rotten Blacksmith at work  
So ends Lat 24°51' S Long 48°34' East

29 Sunday fine Weather  
very pleasant & so forth  
3 sails in sight  
So ends Lat 24°44' S Long 48°50' East



1874  
186 Remarks on Board N.G.R.  
30 Monday Strong winds  
repaired main top & allunt sail  
To find Lat 25° 00 South W. 5 M.

Feb 31 Tuesday Strong Breezes with  
light rains fitted new  
gutting gages & put up  
To find Lat 25° 00 S. Long 48° 19' W.

Feb 1 Wednesday Strong winds & Squally  
Plenty rain & so forth  
To find Lat 24° 15' S. Long 48° 19' W.

Feb 2 Thursday Light winds  
and plenty rain 2 sails  
in sight & so forth  
started fresh water East  
To find Lat 24° 11' S. Long 48° 21'

Feb 3 Friday Strong Breezes double  
repaired top sails & courses  
1 sail in sight East  
To find Lat 24° 35' S. Long 48° 18'

Feb 4 Saturday Strong Breezes  
double reefs & far sail  
Ship a big sail in sight East  
To find Lat 25° 09' S. Long 48° 15'

5 Sunday Bad Weather  
gale & lose reefs  
an different gages  
one sail in sight  
To find this day East  
Latitude 25° 29' S. Long 48° 25'



1866 Crossing of Madagascar Fisher <sup>Master</sup>  
Feb 6 Monday heavy Gale of wind  
& rain from Eastward ship  
under storm sails two sails  
in sight & so forth  
So finds this day Lat 26° 43' S. Long 49° 34' E

7 Tuesday heavy Gale of wind and  
rain ship under storm sails  
laying too heading S & East  
on Feb 6 Jack pole attended with  
hurricane squalls & plenty rain  
So finds Lat 26° 14' S. Long 49° 34' E

8 Wednesday heavy Gale from East  
laying too under storm sails  
Gutter part moderate 2 sails  
in sight & so forth  
So finds Lat 26° 34' S. Long 49° 34' East

9 Thursday Light winds with  
heavy squalls of wind & rain  
Spoke ship Abigail went on Board  
So finds Lat 26° 30' S. Long 49° 50' East

10 Friday Strong winds & close reefed  
main top sail & reefed fore sail  
heading S. by E. by a wind two sails  
in sight ship & wallow. & Abigail  
So finds Lat 25° 28' S. Long 49° 49' East

11. Saturday Strong Breezes  
& light Gale & close reefed main  
top sail & reefed fore sail  
two sails in sight  
So finds these 24 hours  
Latitude 25° 40' South  
Longitude 49° 57' East  
William S. Mearns



No 76

1846 Remarks on Board Ship navigating  
 Feb 12 Sunday heavy Gale of Wind  
 from S & East under Storm  
 Sails old main topsail give  
 had to Bend a rather in the <sup>gale</sup>  
 So finds Lat  $25^{\circ}38'S$  Long  $49^{\circ}44'30''$  <sup>East</sup>

13 Monday heavy Gale from  
 S & East Plenty rain  
 on different Jacks  
 So finds this day Lat  $24^{\circ}2'S$  Long  $49^{\circ}33'$  <sup>East</sup>

14 Tuesday these 24 hours  
 first part heavy Gale  
 middle & latter parts  
 more moderate double  
 reefed main & mizen topsails  
 So finds Lat  $25^{\circ}49'S$  Long  $50^{\circ}04'$  <sup>East</sup>

Feb 15 Wednesday Bristle Breezes and  
 Pleasant Weather double  
 reefed topsails started fresh  
 water to Butt the watch  
 employed on ships duty  
 So finds Lat  $25^{\circ}53'S$  Long  $50^{\circ}15'$  <sup>East</sup>

16 Thursday fine Weather  
 Bent a new fil and  
 making fore spencer  
 of the old one  
 So finds Lat  $25^{\circ}00'S$  Long  $49^{\circ}04'$  <sup>East</sup>

17 Friday these 24 hours  
 first part Light Breezes  
 and Pleasant Weather  
 middle part the same  
 latter part light squalls  
 of rain Bent the fore spencer  
 So finds Lat  $25^{\circ}14'S$  Long  $48^{\circ}06'$  <sup>East</sup>



1860 Cruising of Madagascar W. S. Mate  
Feb 18 Sunday fine weather  
all well nothing doing  
So close this day Lat 25° 58' S Long 48° 48' 30" East

Feb 19 Monday there 24 hours  
first part Light Breezes  
middle part heavy squalls  
of wind & rain  
latter part fine weather  
the watch & mple on ships duties  
So ends Lat 25° 33' S Long 48° 37' 30" East

Feb 21 Tuesday there 24 hours first part  
Light Breezes & calms middle  
much the same latter part  
strong winds double reefed topsails  
landed main sail & did mending  
sails & so forth  
So ends Lat 25° 55' S Long 49° 49' East

22 Wednesday strong winds  
from N.W. double reefs  
the watch & mple round  
the riggers & so forth  
So ends Lat 24° 24' S Long 50° 04' East

23 Thursday fine weather  
all sail set making a new  
strap for the fore Day  
Pleasant weather & so forth  
So ends Lat 25° 32' S Long 49° 11' East

24 Friday fine weather  
all sail set steering starboard  
making rope for rigging  
So ends this day started fresh  
Lat 25° 18' S Long 48° 56' 30" East



1860 Remarks on Board Ship N.G.R.  
Feb 25 Saturday fine weather  
all sail set too, sails in sight  
Spoke Bark Harvest of New  
Bed for 4 months and  
240 Bls oil Capt Gifford of Master  
to ends this day Lat 24 52 S Long 49 24 E

Feb 26 Sunday Strong winds from S.E.  
double reefs & set 1 sail in  
sight 7 to 8 to the South East  
to ends Lat 25 08 S Long 49 24 E

Feb 27 Monday heavy gale  
and rain 1 sail in sight  
making a B.W. Gee. flag  
to ends Lat 25 04 S Long 49 24 E

Feb 28 Tuesday heavy gale  
of wind & rain from  
South East under storm  
sails Mizen topgalant stung.  
Parted sent it down put all  
weight sent up again East  
to ends Lat 25 55 S Long 49 16 E

Feb 29 March 1 Wednesday Moderate gale  
Latter part set for sail  
and 4 loss reefed. Mizen  
top sail Black murky weather  
to ends Lat 25 47 S Long 49 59 E

March 2 Thursday these 24 hours  
first part heavy gale  
middle part much the same  
Latter part strong winds  
double reefs very rough  
to ends Lat 25 51 S Long 48 03 1/2 E  
William Le Mercier



1860. of Madagascar W. G. Mercer <sup>note</sup>  
March 2. Yesterday heavy gales upwind  
and rain 2 sails in sight  
on different tacks Bad weather  
So found Lat  $25^{\circ}46'$  S. Long  $48^{\circ}03'$  East

Mar 3. Saturday Strong Breezes double  
reefed topsails & sic. Set  
Clear weather, the watch  
& employed on ships duty  
Put new Bails to 12 new Buckets  
So found Lat  $25^{\circ}33'$  S. Long  $47^{\circ}30'$  East

4 Sunday Strong Gale from E. & E  
Nothing worth note East  
So found Lat  $24^{\circ}24'$  S. Long  $47^{\circ}02'$

5 Monday first part Strong  
gales under close reef  
middle part the same  
latter part Strong winds  
under double reef  
Pumping & pump from the  
deck to the water, But not  
So found Lat  $24^{\circ}44'$  S. Long  $46^{\circ}25'$  East

6 Tuesday there 24 hours Strong  
Breezes double reefed topsails  
Started fresh water & 3 B. meet  
the Witch & employed on ship duty  
So found this day Lat  $24^{\circ}14'$  S. Long  $45^{\circ}51'$  E.

7 Wednesday there 24 hours first  
part Breezed up Strong at 5 p. M.  
double reefed hand main sail & sic  
at 530. sighted Cap St Marys  
distant 35 miles Bearing W. N. W.  
middle & latter parts Strong winds  
Pleasant weather So found Lat  $24^{\circ}24'$  S. Long  $45^{\circ}57'$



1840 Remarks on Board Ship N. Y. R.  
 March 8 Thursday these 24 hours  
 Strong winds double reefed  
 top sails the masts employed an shant  
 Log ends Lat 27° 45' S Long 44° 35' East

9 Friday these 24 hours first Part  
 Strong winds & close reefed  
 top sails middle part the same  
 Gutter part & Little Peter double  
 reefs and course set  
 Saw one sail steering S.W.  
 Log ends Lat 27° 13' S Long 47° 00' 30" East

10 Saturday fine weather  
 all sail setting up rigging  
 and over hauling & so forth  
 Log ends this day Lat 26° 28' S Long 47° 47' East

11 Sunday fine weather  
 Heaved up the ship abigail  
 and Bark Pamela & so forth  
 Log ends this day Lat 25° 19' S Long 48° 36' East

Mar 12 Monday fine weather  
 Cleaning Muskets fore grade  
 all sail set 2 sails in sight East  
 Log ends this day Lat 24° 37' S Long 49° 07'

13 Tuesday fine weather  
 Spoke S. abigail Bought  
 6 rope for the main top gallant  
 stay & so forth  
 Log ends Lat 24° 44' S Long 48° 41' E.

14 Wednesday fine weather  
 Setting up rigging & so forth  
 Log ends Lat 25° 10' S Long 49° 03' East  
 Leffie S. M. M. M. M. M.



1846 Cruising off Madagascar Mercen  
 March 15 Thursday these 24 hours fine  
 weather, the watch employed  
 in the rigging and wishing  
 the season was up no whals hear  
 So ends Lat  $25^{\circ}34$  S Long  $49^{\circ}31$  East

Mar 16 Friday these 24 hours first part  
 light winds and pleasant weather  
 Shortened sail for the night  
 middle & latter parts strong  
 double reefs dark & cloudy  
 So ends this day Lat  $26^{\circ}03$  S Long  $49^{\circ}32$  East

17 Saturday light winds with  
 dark & cloudy Bury burning  
 fair heads & so forth  
 So ends Lat  $24^{\circ}53$  S Long  $49^{\circ}19$  East

18 Sunday fine weather  
 Light light breeze & calm  
 Capt turned one of the  
 Boat Steerers out of his place  
 for missing to whals and  
 disobeying orders.  
 So ends Lat  $25^{\circ}12$  S Long  $49^{\circ}49$  East

19 Monday fine weather  
 Richard Hazel told Capt  
 Fisher he would not  
 do his duty for ward  
 Put him in of an fine meat  
 So ends Lat  $25^{\circ}02$  S Long  $49^{\circ}25$  East

20 Tuesday fine weather  
 I was on Board of Ship  
 Abigail when there one man  
 died one of her crew a portugee  
 So ends Lat  $25^{\circ}29$  S Long  $50^{\circ}25$  East



1860 Remarks on Board Ship N. 2.  
 March <sup>21</sup> Wednesday fine weather  
 all sail fanned with S. A. B. gail  
 to & nels Lat 24° 01' S Long 51° 27' East

22 Thursday fine weather went  
 on Board of the Merchant  
 Ship flyin'g Eagle of Boston  
 Bound to England with  
 a cargo of rice got a few  
 Books & papers & soon gave  
 him a few gallons of oil  
 to & nels Lat 25° 52' S Long 51° 13' East

March 23 Friday fine weather & to for the  
 all hands Sarcapin'g. Iron rust  
 & painting it over & so forth  
 Saw two merchant ships steering West  
 to & nels Lat 25° 28' S. Long 51° 36' 30" East

March 24 Saturday these 24 hours  
 first part Light winds  
 at 4 P.M. under storm sails  
 for a gale of wind  
 Middles & Guller parts the same  
 to & nels Lat 24° 56' S. Long 51° 33' 45" E.

25 Sunday heavy gale of wind  
 with light rain showers  
 to & nels Lat 25° 04' S. Long 51° 07' E.

26 Monday strong winds  
 from S double reefed topsails  
 the watch employed at bluffs duty  
 to & nels Lat 25° 15' S Long 50° 12' East

27 Tuesday fine weather setting  
 up the trizzen riggen East  
 to & nels Lat 24° 30' S Long 50° 06' 30"



- 1860 1883
- Crusing of Madagascar Wm G. Mearns
- March 28 Wednesday Light Winds  
and Pleasant Weather Busy  
With the the Mizzen Riggen  
B. Palo & Abigail in sight  
So ends Lat 24° 59' S Long 50° 45' East
- 29 Thursday light winds and pleasant  
weather watch employed in cleaning  
iron work and painting it over  
gammed Bark Pamela ship Abigail  
Course West with all sail wind S E  
So ends Lat 25° 36' S Long 50° 18' East
- 30 Friday strong winds from the S E.  
Double reefed topsails and courses  
Started fresh water 20 lbs  
B. Pamela and ship Abigail in sight  
So ends Lat 24° 44' S Long 48° 38' East
- 31 Saturday Brisk breezes and all sail  
All hands employed in washing ship  
& Charles Boncher one of the crew was put  
in confinement for setting the ship on fire  
On 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb 1859 by the "32 of October 1859  
Was confined this day March 31<sup>st</sup> 1860  
With all clear proof against him  
By his shipmates  
So ends Lat 25° 38' S Long 47° 44' East
- April 1 Sunday fine weather & all sail  
gammed with ship Abigail  
So ends Lat 24° 23' S Long 46° 12' East
- apl 2 Monday fine weather & all sail  
all hands employed in cleaning  
& painting iron work  
gammed with Abigail  
Course West N Yr Wind East  
So ends Latitude 26° 22' S Long 44° 31' East



1866 1084

April 3 Tuesday fine weather  
Quitted the Land at 9. At 11  
Running to Long the Land  
So far as this day 25. 19. 53 43. 59. 45

Apr 4 BOUND to St Augustine Bay  
got to 45 miles from it and  
then came on a gale of wind  
12 miles under storm sails Taring too  
to 10 got to 9 miles Lat 24. 34 S. Long 43. 19. 40  
of ship

Apr 5 Thursday Strong gales from SE  
standing in to the Land  
with double reefs & courses  
the gale & D. Amelia in sight  
So far as this day 24. 13 S. Long 43. 24 E

Friday fine weather got in to  
St Augustine Bay & dropped  
anchor in 12 fathoms of water  
& 5 fathoms of chain but  
had a muddy Bottom  
the deck full of rizers  
So far as this day by level account

April 7 Saturday fine weather had the deck  
full of rizers after part of charges  
got 1 raft of barrels ready to go to shore  
So far as this day by level account

April 8 Sunday Strong Breezes & pleasant  
weather went up to the reef to look  
for Shells got a few while getting  
them the natives stole my Boat  
sail and jacket they will steal  
your eyes out of your head  
and not know it  
So far as this day by level account  
In the meanest place I know my baggage



1860

No 85

April Augustine Bay April the 9/60

Sent one Capt of Casks on shore  
getting ready to receive it  
so ends this day by final account &c.

10. Got of 12 cpts of water & stored it  
Sent the Cask to the river  
again so ends this day by final account &c.

11. Wednesday fine weather  
got of to Boat Loads of wood  
filled the cpts of water  
so ends this day by final account &c.

April<sup>12</sup> Thursday fine weather  
all day getting 12 cpts  
of water to Ship Low tides  
so ends this day by final account

Apr 13 Friday fine weather got of  
4 Boat Loads of wood  
and stored down the water  
we have got 372 Bls of fresh water  
Charles Bauchers has owned  
to setting the Ship on fire  
Before Capt Fisher & Merri  
Chief officers & James 2<sup>d</sup> officer  
so ends this day

Apr 14 Saturday fine weather  
got of to Boat Loads of wood  
the French man o'war and  
the natives had all fire to day  
so ends this day

15 Sunday fine weather & so forth  
so ends this day

16 Monday fine weather  
got of 3 Boat Loads of wood  
so ends this day



17<sup>th</sup> Sunday pleasant weather  
got up 4 Boat Loads of wood  
to & ends this day

18 Wednesday fine weather  
Painting the Bands & so forth  
Garboard watch a shore  
on Liberty & Rec'd from M. Shipper

19 Thursday Breeze Breezes  
to pleasant weather one watch  
on Liberty Painting Iron work  
over the so forth got 1 load  
of Bread from S. Abigail  
1 Bomb gun 42 B. Lance  
153. Irons gave him 1 gun 9 B. Lance  
to & ends this day by Civil account

April 20 Friday fine weather  
One watch on Liberty  
Busy Painting Ship & Rec  
to & ends this day by Civil account

April 21 Saturday fine weather  
One watch & up in painting Ship  
One watch on Liberty finished  
Painting Ship & Rec  
to & ends this day by Civil account

April 22 Sunday fine weather Charles Boucher  
was released from for punishment  
received 90 strips went ashore  
on Liberty & he sailed from the ship  
to & ends this day by Civil account

April 23 Sailed at 4 AM. Sent 1 Boat  
three men for sickness  
Mrs. Zisker sailed in abigail  
at the same time but we are 10 M. ahead  
to & ends 12 hours by Civil account



1687

Leaving Augustine Bay  
April 24 Tuesday first part strong winds  
handed light sails middle part  
double reefed latter all sail set  
heading by a wind SW & Rec Rec  
So finds Lat 24° 33 S. Long 41° 55 E ast

April 25 Wednesday first part light winds  
all sail hauled with S. abigail  
middle part much the same  
Latter hauled all light sails making  
a sail for my Boat for the one  
that mig<sup>t</sup> stale from me  
So finds Lat 25° 44 S. Long 41° 14 E ast 11 A.M.

April 26 Thursday strong gales from S.E.  
double reefs & courses the watch  
employed on ships duty  
So finds Lat 27° 00 S. Long 40° 54 E ast from <sup>Greenwich</sup>

April 27 Friday first part strong gales  
whole topsails & courses wind from S.E.  
middle p. the same latter part  
light winds all sail heading SW by W  
So finds Lat 28° 01 S Long 39° 54 East

April 28 Saturday fine weather light airs  
headed E by it wind had the Larkwood  
Boat on deck washed & painted in side  
started fresh water Beans & Sugar  
10 lb Beef Longing for home  
So finds Lat 28° 31 S Long 39° 58.15 East

April 29 Sunday fine weather  
all sail set to the Breezes  
all though light are the winds  
for merchant sails in sight  
So finds this day Lat 29° 09 S Long 40° 08 East  
Jesse G. Mercer & Co. di Bergen County



No 88

# Remarks on Board Ship A.G.B.

April 30 Monday first part light winds  
middle the same latter part  
Busy painting the Starboard boat  
to ends Lat 30:28 S Long 39:58 East

May 1 Tuesday first part fine weather  
middle the same latter part  
Took in the Starboard & waist  
Boats washed & painted in side  
to ends this day Lat 31:44 S Long 40:15 East

May 2 Wednesday first part light  
winds from E.S.E. all sail  
middle part the same  
latter part strong winds at 9 A.M.  
Cold hunted light sails painting  
weather the Starboard boat  
once to ends Lat 33:20 S Long 40:31 East  
More  $\frac{41^{\circ} 59'}{81^{\circ} 25'}$

May 3 Thursday strong winds from N.E.  
double reefed topsails & courses  
steering S.E. by S. Saw a shoal  
of black fish to leeward to lower the Boats  
to ends Lat 34:22 S Long 41:59 East

May 4 Friday strong winds double  
reefs & courses painted the waist boat  
steering S.E. by S. Saw a few killers  
to ends this day Lat 35:43 S Long 43:50 East

May 5 Saturday strong gals from  
N.E. close reefed topsails  
heaving S.E. by South  
to ends this day by Sea Account  
Latitude 36 degrees 27 miles & great line  
Longitude 45 degrees 10 miles  
East from green wick



May 6

Wm. L. Mercer's first officer  
 Sunday gale continued to E & N.E.  
 wind hauled to N.W. B.W. Kept  
 away S.E. by South plenty trim  
 haul New main topsails & few lines  
 So & ends this day Lat 30:42 S. Long 44:18 E.

May 7.

Monday first part brisk breeze from S.W.  
 at 4:30 p.m. main stay ported  
 Put up & prevented for the night  
 Middle part squally Lat. p. light winds  
 setting the main stay heading E by S  
 So & ends Lat 36:38 S Long 48:33 East

May 8

Tuesday first part light winds & variables  
 Middle part light breeze & calm  
 Latter part light winds from N.E.  
 all sail steaming S.E. by compass 3 p.m.  
 So & ends Lat 36:43 S Long 49:21 East

May 9

Wednesday light winds & thick  
 fog ship's men flying fire alarm  
 Started Malacca fresh water 455 gals  
 Cold Murky weather wind S.W.  
 Course S.E. all sail bare 3 p.m.  
 So & ends Lat 37:13 S. Long 50:53 East

May 10.

Thursday first part Brisk gales from S.W.  
 all sail steaming S.E. light fog  
 Middle part strong gales from N.W.  
 Latter part strong gales furl'd all sails  
 on the mizen & the main sail  
 We are going at the rate of 10 1/2 knots per hour  
 So & ends this day Lat 37:29 S. Long 54:01 E. var 3 p.m.

May 11.

Friday first part strong & steady  
 Lat 37:10 wind till 5 p.m. heavy squalls of wind & rain  
 Long 56:14 E. Middle part the same Latter part light  
 So & ends Winds from S.W. course E S.E. by compass var 3 p.m.



1840 May 12

# Remarks on board ship Navigator

May 12 Saturday first part light airs from S.W. all hands employed in middle course. Steeching main top sail at 4 p.m. bent it E.S.E. middle part wind round the compass. Latter strong wind from N.W. whole 3 p.m. top sails & courses lost & hat over board So ends Lat 37:21 S. Long 58:20 E

13. Sunday first part strong winds double reefed & furled main sail middle part the same Latter part wind north course E.S.E. threatening appearance of weather So ends Lat 37:26 S. Long 61:44 E. 3 p.m. E

May 14 Monday strong winds from N. weather looking bad double reefs & fore sail middle part no better Latter more wind & nearer to E.W. course E.S.E. gone 207 miles this day So ends Lat 37:31 S. Long 65:05 E. 3 p.m. E

the 15 Tuesday first part strong winds. At 5 p.m. close reefed bad weather. Course middle wind N.W. heavy squalls East took in fore & mizen top sails Latter by compass wind W.S.W. set double reefs at 9 p.m. made all sail at 10. going 10 knots per hour So ends Lat 37:17 S. Long 67:00 E. 3 p.m. E.

May 16 Wednesday first & middle parts brisk breezes from W.S.W. all sail Latter part wind hauled to S.S.W. at 5 p.m. I have hauled light sails at 4 double reefed at 9 p.m. wind S.S.E. close by the wind to E. course E. When I am brith day all appearance of a gale So ends No. O. C. S. to day.



Bound to New Holland W. I. M. Mate  
May 17<sup>th</sup> Thursday first part put her under  
storm sails for the any gale from  
south heading to E ward it blows  
very hard this gale is what sailors  
call an old grey backer & it is one  
so E n d s lat 35.45 S. sun out just to get latitudes

18<sup>th</sup> Friday heavy gale from S. & S. E.  
attended with rain laying too  
on star board tack heading E. S. E. & E. N. E.  
so E n d s lat 34.49 S. Long. 70.25 E. heavy sea

19<sup>th</sup> Saturday first part gale moderating  
down wind from E at sun down  
2 p m wave ship to S. S. E. made all sail  
left calm & light air at 10. & 11. made all sail  
light air from S. W. pleasant day after the gale  
so E n d s lat 34.54 S. Long 70.24 E. course E. S. E.

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday fine weather, wind S. W.  
all sail course E. S. E. 2 1/2 p m left  
so E n d s lat 34.51 S. Long 72.23 E. at

21<sup>st</sup> Monday first part strong winds  
took in light sails double reefed  
middle part furled main sail  
latter part the same started 4.52 p m fresh  
water & 3 lbs meat wind S. course E. S. E.  
I had to bleed one of the men to day  
so E n d s lat 34.47 S. Long 74.12 E. wind 2 1/2 left.

22<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday first part strong winds from E. S. E.  
double reefs & fore sail heading E. by S.  
middle part the same latter part  
all hands employed in mending.  
main sail & so forth cold weather  
the middle of winter here  
so E n d s lat 34.14 S. Long 75.22 E. 2 1/2 p m left



No. 42

1860 Remarks on board ship Navigator

May 23. Wednesday first strong winds from S. by E.  
Double reefs & fore sail finished  
mending the mainsail & bent it  
middle part strong winds  
latter part repaired the fore topmast  
stay sail bent it a gale 3 men sick  
heaving E. by S. & cloudy weather  
to ends lat 33:54 S. no longitude

th 24 Thursday first part brisk breezes  
from E. at 4 p.m. lashed ship to S. by E.  
middle & latter parts light winds & byants  
mending the bow boat heading S. by E.  
to ends this day Lat 33:54 S. long 77:41 East

th 25 Friday first part light winds from E. S. E.  
all sail middle & latter parts very light  
winds & pleasant weather repairing  
the bow boat head wind head S.  
to ends lat 35:03 S. long 78:02 East

th 26 Saturday first & middle parts light wind  
head & byants from E. S. E. latter light wind  
winds from E heading S. S. E. with all sail  
Busy with the bow boat & so forth  
Pleasant weather with passing clouds

th 27 Sunday first & middle parts wind E. N. E.  
fair w. all sail pleasant weather with passing  
the last clouds latter fresh breezes from N.  
18 hours treed one of the hanks for a little punishment  
to ends lat 36:28 S. long 81:17 E. course E. S. E. by E.

th 28 Monday first part strong winds  
from N. middle furled main sail fiddle  
mizen top sail latter close reefed fore main  
drift weather & gale coming fast course E by  
to ends no obs. at noon layed to fore & gale w. & rain



1860  
May 29. Bound to New Holland Am & Mercur mate  
Tuesday first & middle part heavy gale  
from N and S.W. at 7 A.M. latter part  
Kept away & by S. She is boiling before  
A rough gale & heavy sea plenty on deck  
So & ends lat 34° 09' S. long 85° 15' E. Course E by S.

the 30 Wednesday strong gales & low, respect  
for & main topsails very heavy & sea  
and heavy hail squalls she is boiling  
through the foaming surge to E by S.  
So & ends lat 34° 33' S. long 88° 22' E. W. S. W. alt 20.2

the 31. Thursday first part strong gales from S.W.  
& low respect topsails middle part wind  
very S. Made all sail on for & main masts  
Latter the same & large rollers swell  
and squally high went 238 mile in 24 hours  
So & ends lat 33° 01' S. long 91° 28' E. Course East 17.5 P.M.

June 1. Friday first part brisk breeze from W.S.W.  
all sail on for & main middle part the same  
at 10 P.M. I was pulled out for 1 of the men having  
sprung in the Stumick gave him some pain killing  
been got better latter part all sail set  
So & ends lat 34° 12' S. No alt. S. Course East 17.5 P.M.

June 2 Saturday these 24 hours Brisk breezes  
all through all sail light rain squalls  
put out the boat started 521 gals of fresh water  
So & ends lat 33° 43' S. long 91° 20' E. Course E. 17.5 P.M.

June 3. Sunday these 24 hours first part light wind  
from S.W. all sail middle part wind  
S. all sail latter part calm & light  
airs from S to E. W. Course E by N.  
20 mate turned out for 12 o'clock uncommon  
Latitude 33° 44' South Longitude 97° 24' East  
So & ends Pleas out Weather & Sea &c



1844

1840 Remarks on board Ship Navigator

June 4 Monday these 24 hours light winds  
from N.W. all sail & house & by 1/2 bottle  
opened 1 cask of bread & picked 2 casks of beans  
So ends latt 32:44 S. long 98:17 East 1P was left

June 5 Tuesday first & middle parts wind west  
& light all sail opened 1 cask bread  
Gathered wind with S.W. Brisk & Squally  
all sail smooth sea & rose & by 1/2 bottle  
So ends latt 31:51 S. long 100:20 East 1P was left

June 6 Wednesday first part fresh breezes  
from N.W. all sail middle part  
strong gales from N.W. double reefed  
Gathered part smart gale from S.W.  
Main sail & Mizzen top sail in  
Ship gone 243 miles by obs. & course & by 1/2 bottle  
So ends latt 29:32 S. long 102:24 East

the 7 Thursday strong gales double reefed fore main  
227 top sails middle & latter all sail  
miles necessary wind S.W. & course N.E. & by 1/2 bottle  
to day So ends latt 27:37 S. long 103:52 East

June 8 Friday fine weather all sail  
wind S.W. & S. & course N.E. 1/2 E. by compass  
Gathered part fainter low boat  
So ends latt 26:23 S. long 105:17 East

June 9 Saturday first part fine weather  
at sun down took in sail  
& layed by for the night  
on New Holland Sperm whale  
ground middle part the same  
Gathered part steering North  
all sail wind S. & B.C. & C  
So ends latt 25:37 S. long 105:50 East  
Remember This Date



Cruising on New Holland for sperm  
 June 10 Sunday first part light & winds  
 saw several fine backs shortened sail  
 middle & latter parts strange breezes  
 on different tacks double reefs & courses  
 to ends lat 25:23 S long 105:20 East by (Char)

th 11 Monday strong breeze from N.E.  
 spoke ship Benjamin Tucker 10. Months  
 out 300 bls S & R. shortened sail for the night  
 Ben G. saw whales this fore noon got none  
 middle fine weather latter fine weather  
 saw several fine backs & so forth  
 to ends lat 25:24 S long 105:35 East by

th 12 Tuesday Brisk breeze from N.W.  
 saw 1 sail sighted several hump  
 backs & sulphur bottoms started  
 50 g. J. fresh water to butt & so forth  
 on different tacks fine weather  
 to ends lat 25:20 S. long 105:08 East

th 13 Wednesday first part strong winds  
 saw several hump backs  
 shortened sail for the night  
 middle & latter light airs & calms  
 W. going & painting iron work on  
 to ends lat 24:31 S. long 105:37 East

th 14 Thursday first part fine weather  
 top mizen top bursel trees broke  
 put iron strops over head of mast  
 & through heel of top mast  
 middle & latter gale from W. made E.S.  
 to ends lat 25:05 S long 105:13 East



No 96.

1840

Remarks on board Ship Navigator  
Friday first part gale from west  
middle more moderate  
Latter strong winds from S double  
reeps & courses heading E.S.E. Saw to  
Lat 25:18 S. long 104:10 East Sails

died  
at sea

Friday June <sup>th</sup> 15/40. Staver  
at 9. A. M. James Earle died  
he died of consumption and other  
disease gave his body to the deep  
at noon he was decayed bad  
J. W. G. M. Read the 62<sup>d</sup> chapter of  
Psalms over his remains Age 30. or 35.

June 16 Saturday first part fresh breezes from S.W.  
necessary sail Shortened sail for  
the night middle & latter strong wind  
topsails & courses the watch employed on S. duty  
so ends lat 24:38 S. long 105:55 East

<sup>th</sup> 17. Sunday first part strong winds  
from S.W. and dark & cloudy weather  
middle & latter parts not much  
wind but a heavy swell & cloudy  
so ends lat 24:49 S. long 105:35 East

June 18 Monday fine weather wind S.W. and  
shortened sail for the night middle  
middle & latter parts light day light  
made all sail on different locks  
so ends lat 24:39 S. long 105:22 East

<sup>th</sup> 19 Tuesday first part fine weather  
middle & latter foggy & rain  
so ends. No 93 S.



1849

1840. Cruising of New Holland & W. G. Mercer Mate  
June 20 Wednesday first part light winds & rains  
opened sighted several hump backs  
1 bark } set sail for the night middle the sun  
Bread & butter strong winds from westward  
making a new main Spencer  
So ends lat 25:10 S. long 104:34 E.

June 21 Thursday first part strong breeze from west  
shortened sail for the night middle  
threatening weather latter gale from S.W.  
under storm sails to W. & W. Plenty rain  
So ends lat 24:20 S. long 104:57 East from ~~the~~

# 22 Friday gale of wind all through from S.W.  
Bent a new main Spencer & rised up the old  
So ends lat 24:21 S. long 104:50-45 East from ~~the~~

June 23 Saturday first & middle strong gale  
too from S.W. under storm sails to W. & W.  
sails latter set double reefed fore & main  
in top sail bent down the mizen to repair  
sight so ends lat 23:33 S. long 104:29 E. too <sup>sight</sup> ends in

June 24 Sunday first part strong gales finished  
mending the mizen top sail & bent it  
middle & latter parts strong winds  
from S. & E. double reefs for sail on diff track  
So ends lat 23:58 S. long 105:59 E

June 25 Monday first part strong winds  
from S. & E. double reefs & courses  
middle & latter fresh breezes  
at day light set double to whole  
topsails & courses got out 3 lbs meat  
& mallasses & beans exchanged private  
signals with George & Susan of N. B. Edgar  
Latitude 23:33 South longitude 104:14 East  
So ends this May 20 months 2 days from home



10.48

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# Remarks Ship Navigator

June 24 Tuesday first part fresh winds  
from S.E. middle light airs  
Gutter wind Bore the Compass  
one sail in sight & heavy rains  
So ends latt 23:53 S. long 106:14 East

June 27 Wednesday light winds & heavy  
rains all sail wind S.E.  
shortened sail fore the night  
middle & gutter fine weather  
So ends this day latt 24:29 N. O. B. S.

Th 28 Thursday first part light winds  
from S.E. all sail spoke ship Parre  
Schutt of New Bedford 7 months out  
10 bbs Sperm middle fine weather  
Gutter strong winds from W. S. S.  
at 11 A.M. took in fore & mizen top sails  
So ends latt 24:46 S. O. B. S.

Th 29 Friday first part at 1. P.M. had  
a heavy squally bursted main  
top sail middle strong wind  
latter the same sail S. steering  
repairing main top sail  
So ends latt 24:18 S long 106:57 E.

Th 30 Saturday first part finished  
the main top sail & cut it steering  
middle & gutter fresh breezes  
steering N.W. with double reys  
So ends latt 23:23 S long 106:18 E.

July 1 Sunday fine weather all sail  
running to west ward  
13 Ark in sight wind South  
So ends latt 23:02 S long 105:23 E.



- 1840  
 July 2 <sup>Mate</sup> Cruising of New Holland, W. G. Mercar  
 Monday first part Brisk breezes from S.  
 Shortened Sail for the night  
 middle & latter pleasant weather  
 busy mending Sails & so forth  
 So ends this day Lat 22:29 S. Long 106:49 E.
- July 3. Tuesday fine weather wind S. E.  
 all necessary sail the Watch employed  
 in mending sail on sail in sight  
 So ends lat 22:08 South
- July 4. Wednesday first part light winds from S. E.  
 spoke Bark Maroon. Bedford Capt Percie  
 13 months out 500 sperm Shortened sail for the night  
 middle & latter fresh breezes heading E. N. E.  
 Bark M. had a man fell from a <sup>chief</sup> ~~lax~~ <sup>14 day ago</sup>  
 So ends lat 21:32 S. long 107:49 East  
 Friends all I hope you have had  
 it happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July. No difference here
- July 5. Thursday there 24 hours fresh breezes  
 from S. E. mending sail getting  
 ready to make spun yarn  
 heading E. N. E. going in shore  
 after hump backs you see now hole  
 well the 4 is over with plenty sore heads  
 round home I expect but none here  
 So ends lat 20:53 S long 108:30 East
- July 6. Friday first part fresh breezes  
 from S. E. Single reefs & courses  
 heading E. N. E. light rains  
 Shortened sail for the night  
 middle & latter wind the same  
 the Watch employed  
 in making spun yarn  
 So ends lat 20:10 S. 109:20 S.  
 home and Friends at home

1840

William G. Mercar July the 6.



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1540 Remarks on Board Ship Harigaton  
July 7. Saturday first fair & light winds from <sup>SSE</sup>  
July 7. & light rains middle heavy rain  
July 7. Latter strong winds light rains  
July 7. wind from E to N.E. dirty weather  
July 7. and a heavy swell on Hippt Lacks  
July 7 So ends lat 19:42 S. long 109:21 East

July 8 Sunday first strong winds from  
N.E. heading E. double reefs & light rain  
Scumble at 4:30 had a sudden shift of wind  
squall to S.W. had a heavy squall of wind  
of wind & rain it rained & blowed the hardest  
& rain I ever saw for a little while  
all hands got it washing. Came  
to under bare poles middle & latter  
smart gale from S.W. under S. sails  
So ends lat 19:41 S. long 110:30 East

July <sup>th</sup> 9 Monday first & middle smart gale from S.S.E.  
under storm sails heading to E on starboard  
Jack latter set & lose reefs & top sails & for sail  
heading E by N. weather clear with passing clouds  
So ends lat 19:05 S. long 111:04 East

July <sup>th</sup> 10 Tuesday strong gales & lose reefs & for sail  
the watch employed in making  
Spun yarn wind S.E. heading E by S.  
So ends lat 18:23 S. long 112:08 East

July <sup>th</sup> 11 Wednesday strong gales from S.E.  
Working to eastward with double  
Yoor reefs & courses the watch & employed  
time on ship's duty & making Spun yarn  
7:41:21 So ends this day Wednesday 12 noon  
altitude Latitude 18 degrees & 5 miles South  
29:12 Longitude 112 degrees & 27 miles East  
Dec 22:03:56 North ship & 5:10.  
Lat 18:02 at 3 fr 14



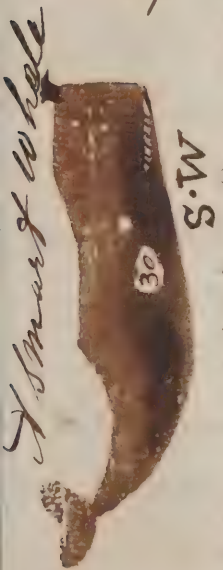
Cruising of New Holland Wm & Mercer mate  
July 12 Thursday there 24 hours fresh Breezes  
from S.E. all sail bound to hump back boy  
strating rattlers & so forth work to windward  
So ends lat 17.40 S long 113.09 East

the 13 Friday there 24 hours light winds  
from S.E. all sail on different tacks  
at 8.40. sighted a shoal of sperm  
whales lowered the boats at noon  
I got fast to 1 of them 50 lb whale  
113.35 E. So ends lat 17.40 S. long 113.35 East

the 14 Saturday fine weather after I got fast  
the whale went to windward  
4 miles as fast as he could go then  
I got my line in again hauled up  
gave him 2 bomb lances killed him  
sudden no boats near got him  
to ship at 5 P.M. lay by him all night  
commenced putting at day light  
got him up & board at 10 A.M.  
he was the smartest whale ever  
I was fast to & he line.  
So ends this day lat 17.24 S. long 113.26 E.

July 15 Sunday fine weather all sail  
Busy boiling wind & ward  
on southern tack Pleasant weather  
So ends lat 17.08 S. long 113.18 East

July 16 Monday fine weather  
whale boiled out & cooled  
down all sail set working  
to & wind whale turned  
up 30 lbs & so forth  
So ends this day  
lat 19.13 S. long 113.46 East





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# 1840 Ship & Navigator

July 14<sup>th</sup> Tuesday first light wind from E.  
all fair middle & latter, Calms  
finished mending the fore top  
galant sail & bent it again  
So ends lat 19:14 S. long 113:55

July 18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday first part Calm & very hot  
Sun middle light breeze from S heading E.  
very latter light breeze & barrels all sail on  
warm Eastern tack the watch employed on ships duty  
to day So ends lat 19:11 S. long 114: East  
middle of winter

July 19<sup>th</sup> Thursday fine weather all sail steering  
E by S. light breeze from S.W and  
stowed down 30 bls. sperm oil  
In upper hatch makes 500 in all from home  
So ends lat 19:13 S. long 115:33 East

July 20<sup>th</sup> Friday fine weather light breeze from S.E.  
all sail steering E.S.E. for turtle island  
bent a new main top galant sail  
and raised up the old one pleasant weather  
So ends lat 19:20 S. long 116:42 East

July 21<sup>st</sup> Saturday fine weather light breeze  
from S all sail steering E.S.E.  
lat at 4 P.M. Sounded got bottom  
with 45 fathoms pleasant weather  
So ends this day lat 19:34 S long 117:35

July 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday these 24 hours light airs  
in latter part saw a few hump  
backs lower in the boats but  
one mist from waist boat  
changed boat steerer with bow boat  
So ends lat 19:39 S long 118:23 East

20 miles N.W. of turtle island



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At turtle Island New Holland W.G.M.M.  
July 23 Monday saw whales wait boat  
I struck I got in to his boat killed  
him & one more he sides but only  
got the 1 we was fast to  
the other sunk & put him in  
strong land breeze rough & cutting  
draped anchor when we got whale to ship  
So ends latt 19:34 S long 118:24 E ast

Th 24 Tuesday fine weather boiling  
middle calm latt got under way  
standing in shore boiling  
So ends latt 19:43 S 18 miles from turtle islands

Th 25 Wednesday finished boiling fine weather  
3<sup>d</sup> mate N.S. went to little turtle island  
dist 10 miles ship at anchor got back  
to ship at 3 P.M. & so forth  
So ends latt 20:01 South

Th 26 Thursday fine weather got  
under way standing at long shore  
to it & land in sight  
So ends latt 19:41 South

Th 27 Friday fine weather anchored  
at big turtle island in 12 fathoms  
of water sand S by E, dist. 3 miles  
4<sup>th</sup> mate N.S. went to shore and  
got in at low tide went out & left us  
stayed on the island all night  
nothing but sand & very cold  
got through the reef at day  
light strong land breeze  
& very rough hard work  
to get a long side my boat  
steerer fell over board out of the boat  
So ends latt 19:45 S long 118:50 E ast

Turtle Island  
latt 19:45 S. long 118:50 E.



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July 28<sup>th</sup> Investigator at anchor of turtle Island  
 Saturday pleasant weather  
 boats of saw a few whales started  
 at one from my boat did not reach  
 him So ends this day 36 hours by civil account

#29 Sunday pleasant weather ship at anchor  
 Boats of whaling had one whale mist  
 from my boat never saw so many  
 whales mist be for so ends by civil account

#30 Monday this day fine weather  
 Boats of Gold up by boat steered  
 3 times for whales did not get any  
 So ends by civil account

31 Tuesday fine weather changed  
 our anchorage turtle island  
 out 8 m. Boats of got nothing  
 So ends by civil account

Aug<sup>th</sup> 1 Wednesday fine weather boats of  
 saw nothing So ends

Aug<sup>th</sup> 2 Thursday fine weather boats  
 of saw whales one mist from  
 my boat broke the boat steerer  
 sent him for ward again  
 So ends this day

#3 Friday strong winds to roused  
 to send the boats of all well & so forth  
 So ends this day by civil account

#4 Saturday fine weather  
 Boats off but saw nothing  
 the 4<sup>th</sup> mate steers my boat now  
 So ends this day by civil account  
 Wm L Mercer Ship Officer S. A. G. R.



1860 Sunday fine weather boats of Saw hunting  
 Ship James Maury Capt wing - it Beaufort  
 11 Months 250 W. 70 S. Minerva Smith  
 of New Bedford 780 20 months and about 1000  
 I went on board of S. M. got a letter  
 from J. P. Seabury of New Bedford  
 they are both gone to sea again  
 So ends this day by Civil account

Aug 6 Monday fine weather boats of  
 saw a few whales going quick to W. ward  
 So ends this day by Civil account

7/60 Tuesday fine weather wait boat struck  
 at 3 P.M. I pulled 9 miles & killed the  
 whale for him at dark sent 3820 mites  
 to ship & layed it by whale all night  
 he sunk at 10 P.M. & sharks eat him  
 up. Wednesday blowing all most  
 a gale & me 7 miles from ship  
 Capt got the ship under way  
 but he thought me & my boat crew  
 was lost - he was very glad when  
 he saw me & coming to ship  
 he allowed no other boat would  
 have come in that sea  
 I was glad when I got on board  
 So ends 2 days

9 Thursday there 24 hours  
 strong winds & cleared out  
 from hump backing going  
 to look for sperm whales  
 So ends but 1912. South 45 miles J. J.

10 Friday Strong winds double reefs all  
 through in latter slowed down 22 bls  
 whale oil makes 520 in all  
 So ends but 17:36:8 long 117:19. East)



1860 Remarks on board Ship Navigator  
 Aug<sup>st</sup> 11 Saturday first part strong winds  
 double reefs shortened sail for the  
 night middle & latter fresh breezes  
 from N.E. top sails & courses on different  
 tacks the watch employed on ships duty  
 So ends latt. 17.48. S. Long 16.13. E.

#12/60 Sunday first part strong winds  
 shortened sail for the night  
 middle & latter light winds  
 & rain showers from S.W.  
 at day light all sail heading W.W.W.  
 So ends latt 17:21 S. long 16:13 E.

#13/60 Monday first fine weather all sail  
 at sun down shortened sail  
 fore the night middle & latter  
 at day light made all sail with  
 pleasant weather put new lifts  
 to the fore yard & so forth.  
 So ends latt 17:35 S. long 15.44 E. by Chron.

#14/60 Tuesday fine weather all sail  
 working on the regin  
 made new lifts fore the fore top sail  
 yard & so forth  
 So ends latitude 17.35 S. Long 15.35 E.

#15/60 Wednesday saw 4 Sperm Whales  
 going fast to wind ward  
 did not lower fore them going,  
 so fast Pleasant weather  
 So ends latt. 17.46 S Long 16.12 E.

#16/60 Thursday fine weather all through  
 working in the regin  
 started 500 gall fresh water, 3 bbls meat  
 So ends latt. 18.01 S. long 15.47 East



Cruising of New Holland for Sperm Whales  
Aug 18 Saturday fine weather  
Friday all sail on drift & tacks the watch  
Smithy employed on ships duty  
So ends lat 18° 39' S. long 115° 10' East

#19. Sunday fine weather all these 24  
hours nothing worth note  
So ends lat 18° 25' S longitude 115° 03' East

#20 Monday fine weather all through  
the watch employed in  
the rigging & so forth Pleasant weather  
So ends lat 18° 02' S long 114° 22' E

#21 Tuesday these 24 hours fine & mild  
fine weather light breezes from S.  
latter set up the head gear  
3 M am got a light touch of scurvy  
So ends lat 17° 45' S long 113° 45' E

#22 Wednesday first squally & light rains  
1 sail in light middle squally  
latter brisk breezes from S.E.  
Spoke ship Minerva Smith  
Wm Bedford & apt went on board  
mate here all day steering 10th W.  
So ends lat 17° 34' S. long 112° 56' East

#23 Thursday fine weather all through  
finished the bow sprit & sail in 8th  
So ends lat 16° 40' S long 112° 36' East by chron

#24 Friday fine weather all sail  
Spoke ship James Maury left wing  
12 months out 300 bls w. oil  
the watch employed on ships duty  
Pleasant weather had & gammed  
So ends lat 16° 26' S. long 112° 09' East



1860 Remarks on board Ship Navigator  
 August Saturday first part light breezes  
 the 25 from S.E. all sail shortened but for the night  
 middle & latter part day light made all  
 sail with brisk breezes started 600 yds  
 fresh waters to head W so forth  
 so ends lat 15° 14' S. long 113° 04' East

#26 Sunday there 24 hours fresh  
 breezes first part specially. lat & head  
 double reef & 4 courses steering E. & E.  
 so ends Sunday Lat 14° 26' S long 114° 08' E.

the 27 Monday there 24 hours first part  
 strong winds double reef  
 middle & latter fine weather  
 all sail the watch employed  
 so ends Lat 13° 34' S. long 115° 24' E.

the 28 Tuesday fine weather all sail  
 nothing worth note E. & E.  
 so ends lat 12° 32' S. long 116° 50' E.

the 29 Wednesday pleasant weather  
 all sail steering E. & E.  
 in latter part of water ways  
 so ends lat 11° 58' S. long 118° 00' East

30 Thursday fine weather  
 breezes from S.E. all sail  
 heading E. & E. for Sandewad Is.  
 took last fair moon at 10.45 last night.  
 alt 87° 12' miles high lat 11° 46' S moon  
 so ends lat 11° 23' S long 118° 27' E.

#31 Friday fine weather nothing  
 worth remark  
 Lat 10° 49' long 118° 47' E head to E.  
 so ends this month of August



1860  
Sept 1. Cruising for Sperm Whales  
Saturday first part light winds from E.S.E.  
short sail for the night middle  
on different tacks latt. standing  
in for Sandlewood island  
So ends latt 10.41 S long 118.54 E

the 2 Sunday first stood in to 14 miles  
from Sd Wood, S. backed ship  
to sea. Shortened sail for the night  
middle & latt. fine weather  
So ends latt 10.00 S. long 117.44 E.

the 3 Monday first light winds all sail  
shortened sail for the night  
latt strong topsails & lower heading  
S.W. started 3 hrs. out & before the  
So ends latt 11.03 S long 117.09 E

the 4 Tuesday fine weather getting a light  
topmast Carpenter got his log  
Back with an air heading S.S.W.  
middle & latter kept away at  
Pleasant weather & before the  
So ends latt 11.19 S long 116.34 E.

the 5/60 Wednesday fine weather all sail  
heading N. Shortened sail  
for the night middle & latter  
at day light made all sail stand at  
So ends latt 10.48 S. long 116.03 E.

the 6/60 Thursday fine weather all sail  
heading S.W. at work on  
the spar. Weather very hot  
But pleasant hardest times  
I ever saw re hauling  
So ends latt 11.21 S. long 114.53 E  
William S. Mercer Ship N.G. Rd



1840 Remarks on board Ship Navigator  
Sept 7 Friday fine weather Steering  
W. N. S. W. all sail finished  
the gaff top mast to stay  
so ends Lat  $11^{\circ}46'S$  Long  $111^{\circ}34'E$ .

Th 8/60 Saturday first & middle parts  
light breezes latter fresh breeze  
from S. E. Steering W. S. W.  
so ends this day Lat  $12^{\circ}20'S$  Long  $111^{\circ}49'E$ .

Th 9/60 Sunday strong breezes double  
reefs & courses heading by the  
wind S by W.  
so ends Lat  $13^{\circ}15'S$  Long  $111^{\circ}00'E$

Th 10 Monday strong winds making  
the Spanker bigger on diff  
jacks & so forth  
so ends Lat  $13^{\circ}22'S$  Long  $110^{\circ}58'E$

Th 11 Tuesday fresh breezes from S. E.  
all sail heading S. E.  
finished the Spanker  
fitting the reg en for it. (East)  
so ends Lat  $12^{\circ}51'S$  Long  $111^{\circ}28'E$

Th 12 Wednesday strong breezes from  
S. E. on different jacks but out  
a gaff topsail & went to work  
to make it weather hazy & so forth  
so ends Lat  $12^{\circ}31'S$  Long  $111^{\circ}31'E$

13. Th 13 Thursday strong winds from S. E.  
topsails & courses heading  
S. S. W. at work on gaff topsail  
so ends this day Lat  $13^{\circ}17'S$  Long  $110^{\circ}53'E$ .  
William Spencer, Chief Officer  
of Ship Navigator Edgar town



1866 Sept 14 Friday fine weather light winds  
from S. all sail heaving S.S.W.  
busy with gaff top sail & so forth  
So ends Lat 13:59 S. Long 110:28 East

Sept 15 Saturday fine weather, first & middle  
heaving S.S.W. & after steering  
South finished the gaff top sail  
& put up the black smith forge  
So ends Lat 14:04 S. Long 110:09 E

SEP 16 Sunday fine weather all sail steering  
North Middle Part layed by  
So ends Lat 12:42 S. Long 110:28 East

Sept 17 Monday Pleasant weather  
steering N.W. by N. all sail set  
fitted new sparker & ang. 87 set up  
So ends Lat 11:20 S. Long 109:32 East

Sept 18 Tuesday fine weather all sail  
fitting in gun & so forth short  
sail in middle part Lat all sail  
course N.W. by E. & S  
So ends Lat 10:26 S. Long 108:11 East

Sept 19 Wednesday fine weather all sail  
working in gun middle short  
sail Lat all sail course N.W. by E. & S  
So ends Lat 9:08 S. Long 106:53 East

Sept 20 Thursday fine weather all sail  
middle part layed black 4 hours  
Lat all sail at 10 AM, sighted the  
Land at noon 12 miles from S.W.  
point of Java fine weather  
So ends Lat 7:35 S. Long 106:11 E  
William J. Mercer first officer  
of ship "Favignator"



1860 Remarks on board of Navigator  
Friday fine weather  
Anchored off New Island  
at 5 P.M. in 10 fathoms of water  
gave her 50 fath of Chain  
Sand & Coral bottom  
So ends these 36 hours by sea log

Sept 22 Saturday Light rains in morning  
all hands employed in cleaning  
ship after noon I went ashore  
to explore a little for my own fancy  
and sail entered the straits  
at 6 P.M. bound New Arch Moore  
So ends this day by civil account

Sept 23 fine weather but very hot  
Ship at anchor  
So ends Sunday by civil account

Sept 24 Monday fine weather got on board  
130 lbs fresh water and part  
stowed away left Fisher went  
after water him self 20 men not  
to be troubled to sail yester  
to Northward to day  
So ends by civil account

Sept 25 Tuesday raining got all our water  
on board 300 lbs here are boats  
& crew on shore cutting wood  
So ends by civil account See

Sept 26 Wednesday finished stowing water  
with 420 lbs. & got of 6 boats loads  
of wood thunder & rain  
all after noon  
So ends this day by civil account  
William S. Merrett first officer



1860 Laying at anchors of New Island  
Sept 27 Thursday got up at 6 AM. 4 sails  
up wind & painted the Bands  
1 sail passing to Mother's all clear  
decks & ready to go to anchor  
at 6 PM heavy rain & thunder  
So ends by Civil account B.C.B.C.

Sept 28 Friday heavy rains & thunder all last  
night light rains this morning  
at day light hove short on the anchor  
but no wind left. Fishers suspended  
the second mate from duty  
for not turning out but when called  
to be turning in. Sundry answers  
& long neglect of duty  
At 10 AM ship entered the straits at dusk  
So ends this day by Civil account

Sept 29 Saturday at 4 AM weighed anchor  
and started for longer distance  
52 miles 4 sail close to us bound  
to S. Ward at 7.30 P.M. spoke White Star  
of liner pool with 1700 soldiers  
on board bound to Hong Kong  
So ends 7.40 P.M. all well.

the 30 Sunday at 11 AM, Arrived  
anchors of the village of Anger  
in 10 fms water & 60 fms chain  
15 ships passing to day in straits  
act So ends this day by Civil account  
1.8.2

1 Painting ship in side had to stop  
for rain 14 sails passing by  
2 finished painting in side  
last watch on Saturday  
14 sails in sight & 4 at anchor  
So ends this day by Civil acc



Part of larger Island of Java  
Oct 3 Wednesday are watch on Liberty  
William Butman deserted  
from ship taken on board of a Schooner  
he is going to ~~the~~ Swan river  
so ends this day by Civil Acc

Oct 4 Thursday Painting Ship  
but sides are watch on Liberty  
so ends this day

Oct 5 Friday finished Painting  
Ship are watch on Liberty  
so ends this day by Civil Account

Oct 6 Saturday received on board  
100 Pumpkins 400 lbs Sugar  
8 bags rice 3000 lbs Sweet Potatoes  
turned 2<sup>d</sup> mate ashore for good  
so ends this day

Oct 7 Sunday all still & so forth  
so ends this day by Civil Account

Oct 8 Monday received on board  
20,000 Pounds of yams & 400 Ducks  
300 Pine Apple 1000 Bunch brown  
stuff 20 Bunch Plantains  
4 bamboo 133 lbs Paddy 400 lbs onions  
with other small stores & ready food  
so ends this day by Civil Acc & all well

reported in all  
4 letters  
from N. G. J.

Oct 9 Tuesday got under way with  
light winds & calms  
so ends Tuesday by Sea Account



1860 Bound for the Cruise for Sperm Whales  
Oct 10 We under way first Light at 3 P.M.  
got a breeze from S.E. attended  
with thunder & rain at dusk  
or 7 P.M. Princes Island S.W. Point  
bearing S.W. by S. dist 10 miles Course W.S.W.  
at 9 P.M. Cleared of Straits  
at 10 took in light sails midde-  
double reefed furled. Jib & mainsail  
at day light stowed anchors  
& chains from 1 P.M. till noon  
heavy rain & thunder  
so ends this day No. 6, S.S. heading S.W. by W.

Oct 11. Thursday first Part Strong wind  
& light rain middle heavy thunder  
storm under storm sails latter  
the same wind from E. to S. on S. tack  
so ends No 6, S.S. but plenty rain

Oct 12 Friday first heavy rains  
middle the same  
latter strong winds from E.S.E.  
double reefs & courses heading  
S.W. very rough  
so ends Sept at 8:59 S. Long 103:03 E.

Oct 13 Saturday strong trade winds from S.E.  
double reefs & courses making passage  
for whale ground heading S.W. by E.  
so ends this day Sept at 11:38 S. Long 102:12

Oct 14 Sunday strong trade winds throughout  
heading S.W. by West double reefs & courses  
so ends this day Sept at 12:24 S. Long 101:12 E.



Remarks on board Ship Navigator

Oct 15. Monday Strong S.E. winds throughout  
but double reefs & courses bent  
a new main ship heading S by W.  
So ends Lat 14:06 S. Long 100:44 East

Oct 16 Tuesday Strong S.E. winds throughout  
double reefs & courses fitting lifts  
for main yard & strapping blocks  
heading S.S.W. Light & air show  
So ends Lat 15:24 S. Long 100:10 East

Oct 17/60 Wednesday Strong S.E. winds throughout  
double reefs & courses the watch turning  
eigen & so forth heading S by W & S.S.W.  
So ends Lat 16:45 S Long 99:38 East

Oct 18/60 Thursday brisk breezes started to rig  
her into a bark got a long way well square  
heading S by West bark Navigator W. S. W.  
Pleasant weather So ends this day

Oct 19. Friday Pleasant weather  
all hands at work on deck  
heading S.S.W.  
So ends this day

Oct 20 Saturday light winds & attended with  
light squalls all hands at work  
on mizen rigged on different tacks  
So ends Lat 19:32 S. Long 99:12 East

Oct 21 Sunday fine weather  
all sail heading E by N  
So ends this day



Capt Farrell, Fisher Master  
Oct 22 Monday first part broke braces  
from S.E. heading E by N. all sail  
middle part strong winds double reefed  
Latter the same all hands employed  
in splicing out rigging & so forth  
So ends Log att 18:31 S. Long 102:04 East

#23 Tuesday the first part strong breezes  
from S.E. double reefs & courses  
finished splicing rigging & warship  
to S.M. by S. middle strong winds  
hands at main sail & f/c  
Latter the same very rough weather  
So ends Log att 19:03 S. Long 101:27 E.

the 24 Wednesday strong winds from S.E.  
double reefs & fore sail heading S.W. by S.  
from new fore braces  
middle & latter weather the same  
So ends Log att 19:38 S. Long 101:01 East

#25 Thursday broke breezes from S.E.  
double reefs & courses middle the same  
Latter sent up the aft topmast  
and busy setting up the rigging  
So ends Log att 20:48 S. Long 100:57 E

the 26 Friday first part pleasant weather  
all sail heading S.W. by W.  
finished setting up rigging & sent  
the aft top sail  
middle & latter pleasant weather  
So ends Log att 21:02 S. Long 100:42 E.

#27 Saturday fine weather wind S.E.ward  
all sail heading S.W. by W. west  
middle & latter the same  
So ends Log att 22:12 S. Long 100:27 East



1860 Remarks on board Bark *Navigton*  
Oct 28 Sunday light winds & breezes  
all sail Middle the same  
Later fresh breezes handed  
all light sails on different tacks  
Saw one merchant ship  
So ends Lat  $22^{\circ} 7' S$ . Long  $101^{\circ} 14' E$  east

Th 29. Monday first Part strong winds  
Double reefed the top sails  
Middle the same  
Later brisk breezes made all sail  
heading S.S.W. & rattling down  
the mizen rigging & painted. M. & M. M. M.  
So ends Lat  $23^{\circ} 15' S$  Long  $100^{\circ} 58' E$  east

Th 30 Tuesday first light winds all sail  
heading S.S.W.  
Middle Part the same  
Later setting up topmast rigging  
and started to rattle down the same  
So ends Lat  $24^{\circ} 26' S$ . Long  $100^{\circ} 23' E$  east

Th 31. Wednesday first light breezes from S.S.W.  
Tacked ship to E with all sail  
Middle & Later Part the same  
Finished rattling down & started  
400. gallons fresh water  
So ends Lat  $4^{\circ} 22' S$  Long  $101^{\circ} 54' E$  east

Nov 1. Thursday first fresh breezes from S.S.W.  
heading E, all sail  
Middle handed all light sail  
Later strong winds from S.E.  
heading E.N.E with double  
reefs & courses & so forth  
So ends this day  
Lat  $23^{\circ} 38' S$ . Long  $103^{\circ} 15' E$  east  
From us & home I would like to see you



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1860 William L. Mercer Chief Officer  
Nov 2 Friday the first part strong  
winds from S.E. heading E.N.E.  
Double reefs & courses  
middle part hauled & got & mains.  
& after being roughed the watch  
watch employed repairing & shaping gear  
So ends Log att 2:34 P.M. Long 103° 08' East

Nov 3 Saturday first strong winds from S.E.  
heading S.S.W. Double reefs & fore sail  
& after hole top sail & courses  
all hands employed setting up for rigging  
So ends Log att 24° 08' S. Long 102° 25' E.

Nov 4 Sunday first fresh breezes from S.E.  
whole top sails & courses heading S.S.W.  
middle tacked ship to E.N.E.  
& after all sail light squalls  
and attended with rain  
So ends 25° 15' S. Long 102° 45' East

Nov 5 Monday first brisk breezes  
and light squalls from S.E.  
all sail heading E.N.E.  
middle part heading E all sail  
& after all sail saw to Sulphur bottoms  
So ends Log att 24° 51' S. Long 104° 05' E.

Nov 6 Tuesday first part light winds  
all sail heading East  
at sun down shortened sail for the night  
on sperm whale & cruising ground  
middle & after at day  
made all necessary sail  
for man at the mast head  
looking for the whaleman arms.  
Drize Log att 24° 32' S. Long 105° 25' E.



1860  
P. M. W. R. S on board bark N. G. R.  
Nov 7 Wednesday the first part all morning  
sail at sun down shortened sail  
middle & latter at day light  
set top sails & courses  
the watch employed on ships duty  
S. L. N. S. Lat.  $24^{\circ} 38'$  S. Long  $106^{\circ} 09'$  East

Th 8. Thurs day first strong wind & flood  
top sails & courses heading East  
short sail at night  
middle & latter at day light  
double reefed top sail & fore sail  
started 500 gallons fresh water  
hoiled 2 tubs of line for St. W. boats  
S. L. N. S. Lat.  $23^{\circ} 48'$  S. Long  $107^{\circ} 01'$  E

May  
Jun<sup>th</sup> 2 I went along side of English  
Ship W. H. W. was asked to come aboard  
he was 113 days from Liverpool bound  
to Hong Kong, China the fore was the same



1823

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April 11 I got to work for (C.B.)  
May 13 received 410/100

Freddie H. Mercer Born April 29<sup>th</sup> 1866  
Agnes B. Mercer Born July 18<sup>th</sup> 1866  
Mary B. Mercer Born July 18<sup>th</sup> 1866

Harriet B. Mercer Born July 18<sup>th</sup> 1866  
James Riddle Mercer Born April 12<sup>th</sup> 1881  
married Agnes B. Hodsdon Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1907.

Elizabeth Shapleigh Mercer - Born Nov. 11, 1908  
Dorothy Mercer - Born Jan. 2, 1910 -  
James Riddle Mercer Junior - Born July 14, 1912.  
Phoebe Frances Mercer Born March 1, 1915



Wm. L. Mercer 30 Ship Navigator Dr

May 1859. 30 Cash at St Helena	34.75	\$ 34 75	CT
July .. .. Items bought that belonged to Murray			CT
2 hats 1.75. one vest 4.00, 2. 4 <sup>pr</sup> stockings 1.50		\$ 7 25	
one gold watch 15.00, 7 charts 5.00, 1 7 <sup>pr</sup> dividers	20 25		
Sept .. ..		<u>\$ 27 50</u>	
2. Per slippers 2 50. 1 thin jacket 17 5		4 25	
April 1860 30 4 lbs tobacco 140. 9 yards Calico 12 6		2 66	
30. 21 lbs oil soap 63		63	
Sept. .. 30 Cash at Anzer 14 00		14 00	
30. 8 lbs tobacco 280		2 80	

Mr Wm Mercer  
Camp 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment N.Y.  
In Care Capt Chippendale  
Washington D.C  
Or Elsewhere

M

William L. Mercer



Mr. L. Merwin bought of Sarah L. Merwin

1841.

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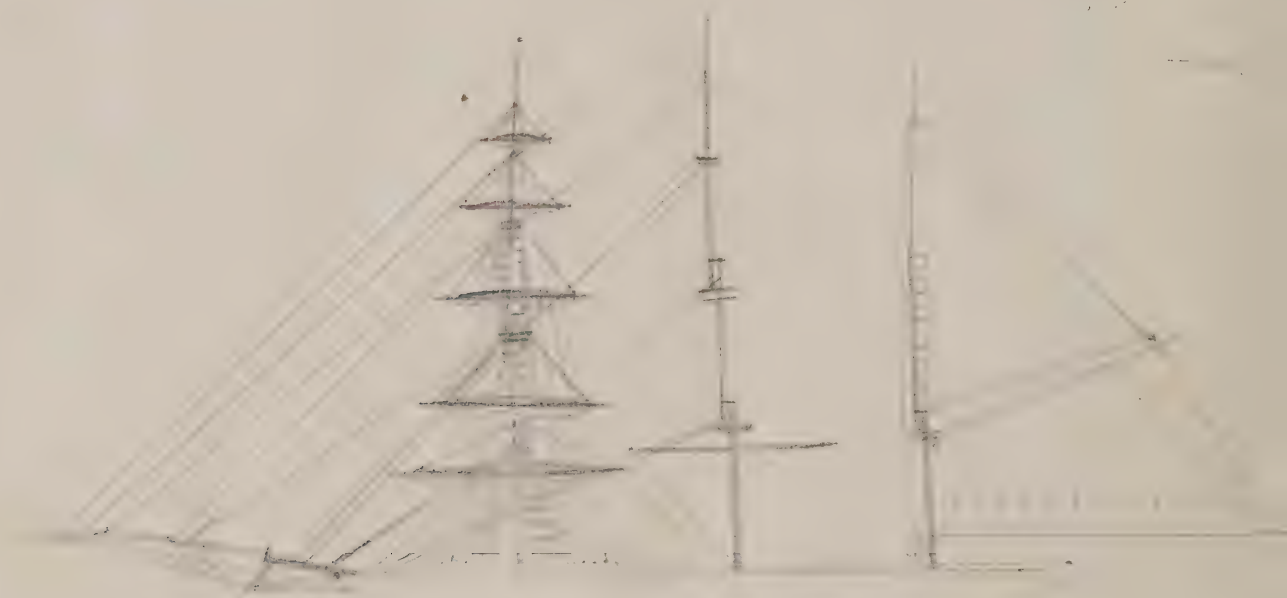




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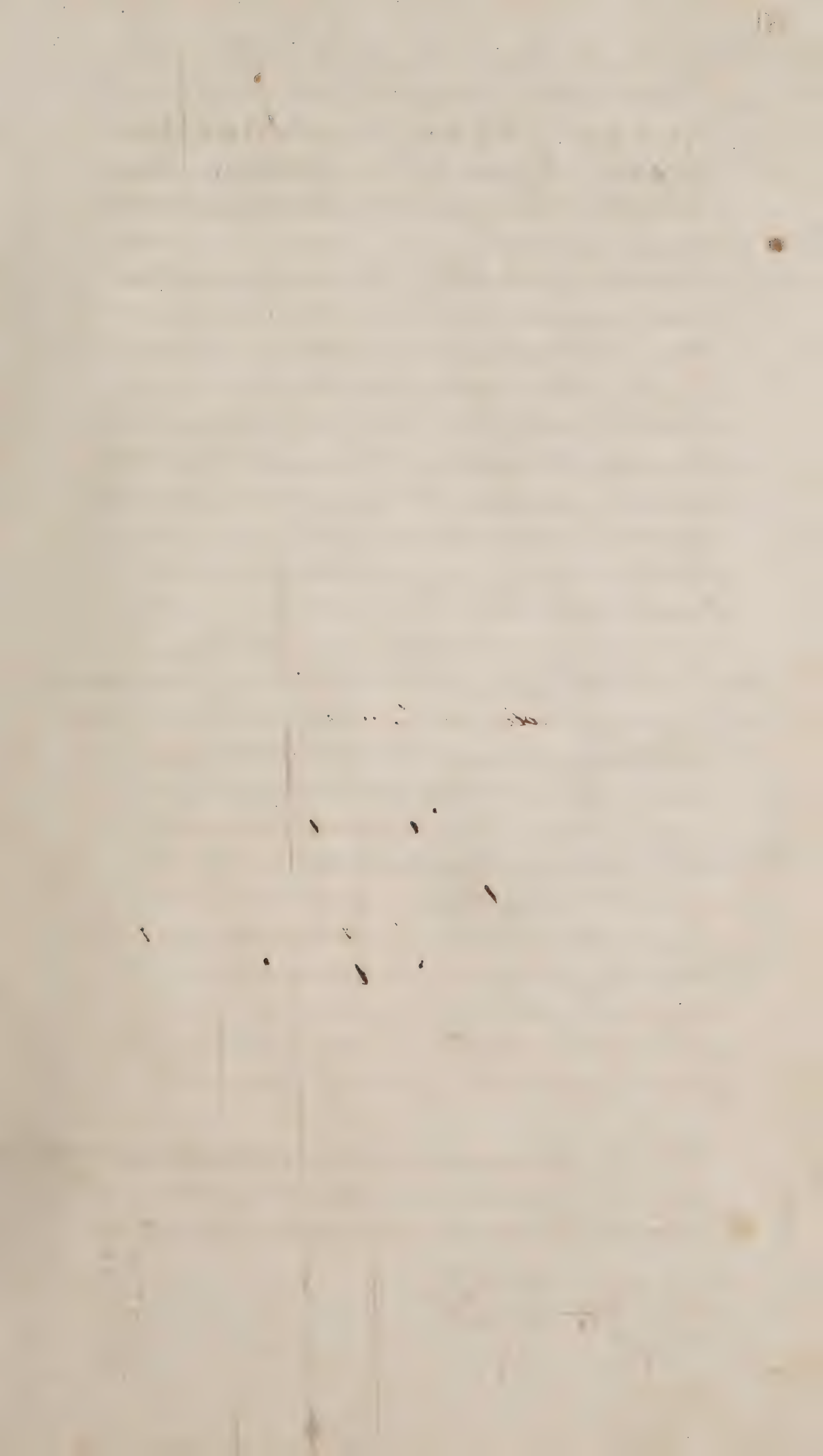


Greenland Whale Song  
It was 1829. on the 14 day of May  
We weighed our anchor to our ships bows  
An for Greenland bore away  
An for Greenland bore away brave boys  
X . . . . .  
Our Capt's name was Wm Waid  
Our Chief Mate's name was Waid the same  
Our vessel was called the Lion so bold  
that plows the raging main brave boys  
that . . . . .  
And when we came to that cold country  
Our ship lay there in store  
I wished my self in some pretty girl's arms  
A rolling on the shore brave boys  
A . . . . .  
Our Chief Mate to the mast head so high  
With the spy glass in his hand  
There a whale fish he cries

Marriage guide & refs ~~Dr~~

A Dr of Wm Young  
416 Spruce Street Above fourth  
Philadelphia







1859 Island & Port of St Helena

May 21	Cash for Liberty	21	23	25
" 23	James Blake	250	242	244
" 25	John Raker	250	244	246
	Charles Simons	100	112	150
	James Sand	100	.....	150
	Charles Roberts	100	.....	075
	John Carey	100	.....	075
	Wm. Mercer	100	.....	075
	Henry Weeks	100	.....	.....
	Wm. Butman	100	042	075
	Henry Gracie	100	.....	075
	John Holmes	100	042	075
May 21	John Henderson	100	.....	.....
	Picky	100	.....	075
	Barnard Moran	100	.....	075

		May 22	24	26
May 22	Richard Hazel	250	204	200 0025
" 24	James Ghae	250	200	200 0025
" 26	Lurancie Grady	250	200	200
	Alex. Henderson	100	125	075
	Jack Martin	100	100	075
	Charles Boucher	100	125	075
	Albert Smith	100	100	075
	Ruffs Butter	100	092	075
	Charles Johns	100	100	.....
	Law Fisher	100	100	075
	Charles Scott	100	100	075
	Joshua True	100	140	075

Wm L. Mercer	500	750	700	400	500	525
Jacob Grimes	500	312	200			
Frank Francis	300	312	250	250		

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500  
 750  
 700  
 400  
 500  
 525  
 3475



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 12. ~~Hand of St Helena Cash for Officers~~  
~~Wm L Mercer Cash. 5. 750.~~  
~~Hand of St Helena Cash. 13. 12.~~  
 22. ~~Hand of St Helena Cash. 3. 12.~~  
~~Hand of St Helena Cash. 3. 12.~~~~

35  
 14 40  
 26  
 4 1/2 10  
 2 1/2 96  
 21 1/2 96

#7.75

Oct 20/59 Little fish Bay doctors Bill 775

Taken Charles Roberts one of  
 crew to steer my Boat  
 & Henry Grosbie to steer  
 the Barre Boat April the 24. 1860  
 Chosen By W. L. Mercer first officer  
 sent Charles Roberts forward again.  
 August the 2/6 no good fore boat steerer

470  
 267  
 20) 20310  
 20  
 003.

2750  
 6.00  
 44.75  
 78.25  
 305.00  
 383.25

27.50  
 34.75  
 42.25  
 30.00

62.25  
 3.00  
 367.5  
 700  
 347  
 333  
 22

Bought to ship Navigators 380 Paul of 24th 13

380  
 380  
 37  
 717  
 383  
 328



1859. ~~Shoan's Match~~  
 May 21. ~~Hand of Helena Cash for water~~  
 May 21. ~~Pinky Cash .1.1. Charles Roberts Cash 1 \$~~  
 May 21. ~~John Carey Cash .1.1. Bernard Moran do .1.1.~~  
 do do ~~Henry Carey Cash do .1.1. Harry Weeks do .1.1.~~  
 do do ~~William Buttrick do .1.1. James Earl do .1.1.~~  
 do do ~~William Meyer do .1.1. Charles Simon do .1.1.~~  
 do do ~~John Thomas do .1.1. John Henderson do .1.1.~~  
 Bat. St David Blackd. Joseph Ram do 2 1/2  
 May 23 David Black 10.5. do Joseph Ram ... 8.5.  
 Received Charles Simon 4 \$ Wm Buttrick 2.5 \$  
 G. & Brew John Thomas 2 \$ Mr France 12.5 \$  
 60 cents Paid out 60 cents

Venesembo on Coast  
 of Africa  
 Mr Mercer Received  
 Two Peasies of gum bo pell  
 and 1 " " of Malchit  
 One Copper Ore

Madagascary  
 Augustine Bay  
 Mr L. Mercer Chief Officer  
 Mr L. Mercer Chief Officer  
 Mr L. Mercer First Officer  
 Mr L. Mercer First Officer



Laboard

May Island of St Helena Cash for Watch  
 Josiah & True Cash 1.75 Charles & Scott Cash 1.75 -  
 do 22. Lawrence Fisher do 1.75 Charles & Jones do 1.75  
 Rufus P. Butter do 1.75 Albert Y. Smith do 1.75  
 Charles Boucher do 1.75 Jack Norton do 1.75  
 Alexander Henderson do 1.75  
 Boat St. Richard Hazel do 2.50 James Chase do 2.50  
 Cooper, Lawrence & Co do 2.50  
 May 24 Lawrence & Co 2.75 James Chase 2.75  
 Richard Hazel 2.75 Charles & Scott 1.75  
 Charles & Jones 1.75 Albert Y. Smith 1.75  
 Josiah & True 1.75 Rufus P. Butler 92  
 Charles Boucher 125 Alex Henderson 125  
 Josiah & True 1.10 Jack Norton 1.10  
 Received 176 pmt. Pay out 60 cents

Bought of Capt Jared  
 Fisher of Ship Navigation  
 One Pleasure Boat from  
 By Cunningham & Co  
 Received Payment  
 \$140 Wm L. Mearns

Sat 45  
 Groceries 44.30 to 45  
 Long 49 to 50

May 21	Received	20.	For
do 22	do	21.50	Liberty Man
do 23	do	9.36	"
do 24	do	17.54	"
do 25	do	15.50	"
do 26	do	12.00	"



Ship Navigator Edgerton  
Starboard Boat Mr L. C. Murray first officer  
Feb 3. 1859 got a Sperm whale Lat 32°43. South.  
Feb 28. 59. got a Sperm whale Lat 31°10. S. Long 45°10 W  
Mr Blake 4 mate April 22/59.

Starboard Boat Mr W. L. Mercer. <sup>Chief mate April 22</sup> ~~2d Officer~~ 1859  
Jan. 5. 1859. first. W. hale. Lat 32°55. S. Long 48°18. W  
Jan 15<sup>x</sup> struck a large Sperm whale & lost him Lat 32°2.  
Feb 3. 1859. <sup>x</sup> struck a Sperm whale & drawn from him <sup>& lost</sup>  
Feb 27/1859. Saw Sperm Whales got two to my Boat Lat 31°30. S. Long <sup>45°10 W</sup>  
Feb 28/59. Saw Sperm Whales got one Lat 31°10. S. Long 45°10 W  
March 5/59. Saw Sperm Whales got one Lat 31°31. S. Long 45°15. W. W.  
April 25/59. Saw Sperm Whales struck one & he sunk. Lat 31°40. S.  
June 29/59. Saw Sperm Whales struck & got him 25 miles S & of St Helena  
June 30/59. Saw Sperm Whale Boat Steerer mist him got B. W.  
Sept 10/59. Saw Sperm whale got 1 Lat 10°05. S Long 9°21 E  
Sept 19/59. struck another line parted & lost him  
Oct 30/59. Saw Sperm whale got one Lat 22 S Long 13. W.  
Jan. 12/60. Saw 1 Sperm whale struck line parted lost  
July 13/60 got 1 Sperm whale Lat 17°40 S Long 113:35 E  
on New Holland  
July 29/60 one whale mist of turtle island  
Aug 2 one whale mist " " "



2d mate April 22/59

West Boat Mr. J. Grimes ~~3d officer~~

March 14. 1859. Got one Sperm Whale Lat 32°30' S Long 45°10' West  
July 21. 1859 Mist one Sperm Whale Lat 14 30 S. Long ~~32°10' W~~  
August 11/59. got 1 hump Back very small 3°10' W.

3d mate April 22/59.

Row Boat Mr. F. Francis ~~4th officer~~

Feb 28 1859 Saw Sperm. Whals got one Lat 31°40' S. Long 45°00 west  
April 2 Saw Sperm Whals got one Lat 31°00 S. South 31°40  
Oct 30/59 Saw Sperm whals got one Lat 22 S. Long 1°30 East  
July 23/60 1 hump back on New Holland of turtle island  
Sept 8/60 1 " " " " Sharks eat him up



Nov 15. 1858 Ship Navigator of Edgerton

Made A Bargen With John Correa  
To Wash for I William L Mercer

For Twenty Dollars for the Voyage

Payed to John Correa in St Helena \$3.50.  
discharged my wash woman Payed in all <sup>34</sup> \$6.25

Provisions

Sent out in Ship Navigator

80. barrels of flour Baked into Sea Bread

125. Barrels of flour on Board

140. Barrels of Beef. & 60. Barrels Pork.

1000. Gallons of Molasses

400. lbs Cheese. 3. barrels dried Apples.

4. Barrels Sugar



to m. P.M. July 20/60

Observed altitude Sun's lower lim

21:33:00 at 3:40 North

20:35:46 South

19:22:00 South

Declination

Latitude - at 3:40 p.m.

Time by Chron. 7:32:33

to lower cor. 32:47

Equation of time 6:02 add

Ship's longitude 116:42:30 E

Observed altitude " " " 28:41:00 at 3 p.m.

Decl. " " " 20:24:11 North

Latitude " " " 19:36:00 South

Time by Chron. 6:51:52

lower cor. 32:49

Equation 6:05 add.

Long 117:35 E

July 21/60 40



April 12/59. gale of wind

May the 5/60. Lat 36:27.8. Long 45:10  
East. heavy gale of wind

98.14  
100.20  
002.04

32.45  
31.51  
00.54  
1.24

14 knots per hour

2.4  
60  
124

run 5.1 75 miles today

William L. Spencer

28 year old May the 16/60  
this day, 4 to four

12:24  
14:06  
1:42

May 22/60. 100 miles this day

60  
102  
28  
130

24  
5 1/2  
120  
12  
132

No ground saws

23  
44.00  
60  
38.45

34  
20  
14  
48

Hectic

by the flower

56.14  
58.20  
02.06

of turn down  
May 13/60 137 miles today

37=24  
37=37  
00=05  
37=17  
00=14

61.44  
65.05  
3=21

May 13/60 137 miles today

65=05  
67=00  
1=32

May 14/60 129 miles today

37.10  
37.24  
00.17  
02.06  
02.17



April 24. 1859. Painted the Starboard boat  
 April. 24. 1859. Painted the Starboard boat  
 April. 25. 1859. Painted the Bow boat & waist  
 1859 Sept. .. Painted Star waist & Bow Boats  
 1860 May Painted the Boats all.

89.48  
 22.52  
 55.13  
 22.42

Observed altitude of Sun lower lim  
 12 Secant 27.3 P.M. July. 11/60 was.  $29 = 12:00$   
 Declination from Naut Almanac  $23 = 03 = 56$ . Lat. th.  
 Equation of time  $5 = 10$ . add  
 11.43 P.M. Latitude  $18.02 =$  South  
 Ships Longitude  $112:27 = 15$  East  
 Time by Chronometer was  $7:08:47$   
 Error  $7:32:34$  to slow

Observed altitude of Sun lower lim  
 at 3:20 P.M. July 12/60 was  $24 = 57 = 00$   
 Declination Almanac  $21 = 55 = 37$  North  
 Equation of time  $00 = 05 = 18$  add  
 at 3:20 P.M. lat  $17 = 49 = 00$  South  
 Longitude  $113 = 09 = 45$  East  
 Time by Chron. was  $7 = 29 = 48$   
 Error  $32 = 35$  to slow

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